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How do you get into the holiday spirit?

With so few events scheduled over the next two weeks, it's clear many people get together with family and friends. What are some of the ways that people get in the holiday mood?

The Barry family of Andover offered their favorite pasttimes:

"I decorate, go shopping, and I make cookies. That's how I get in the holiday mood."

CARYL BARRY

"I like to decorate my tree. This year, I got two new football ornaments. One is a Patriots ornament."

JOHN "JAKE" BARRY, 9, WHO JUST COMPLETED HIS FIRST YEAR IN THE ANDOVER JUNIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

"I sing, and I'm happy when I'm waiting for Santa. I asked for an American Girl doll that I can name myself."

JESSICA BARRY, 6

Other people had these things to say:

"We look forward to the Advent Workshop (at West Parish Church). We make all sorts of crafts, decorate gingerbread houses, make wreaths, decorate glass ornaments, sing Christmas carols. It's at the beginning of December, so it helps you get in the mood, along with decorating the house."

ANDOVER'S KAREN WATERS

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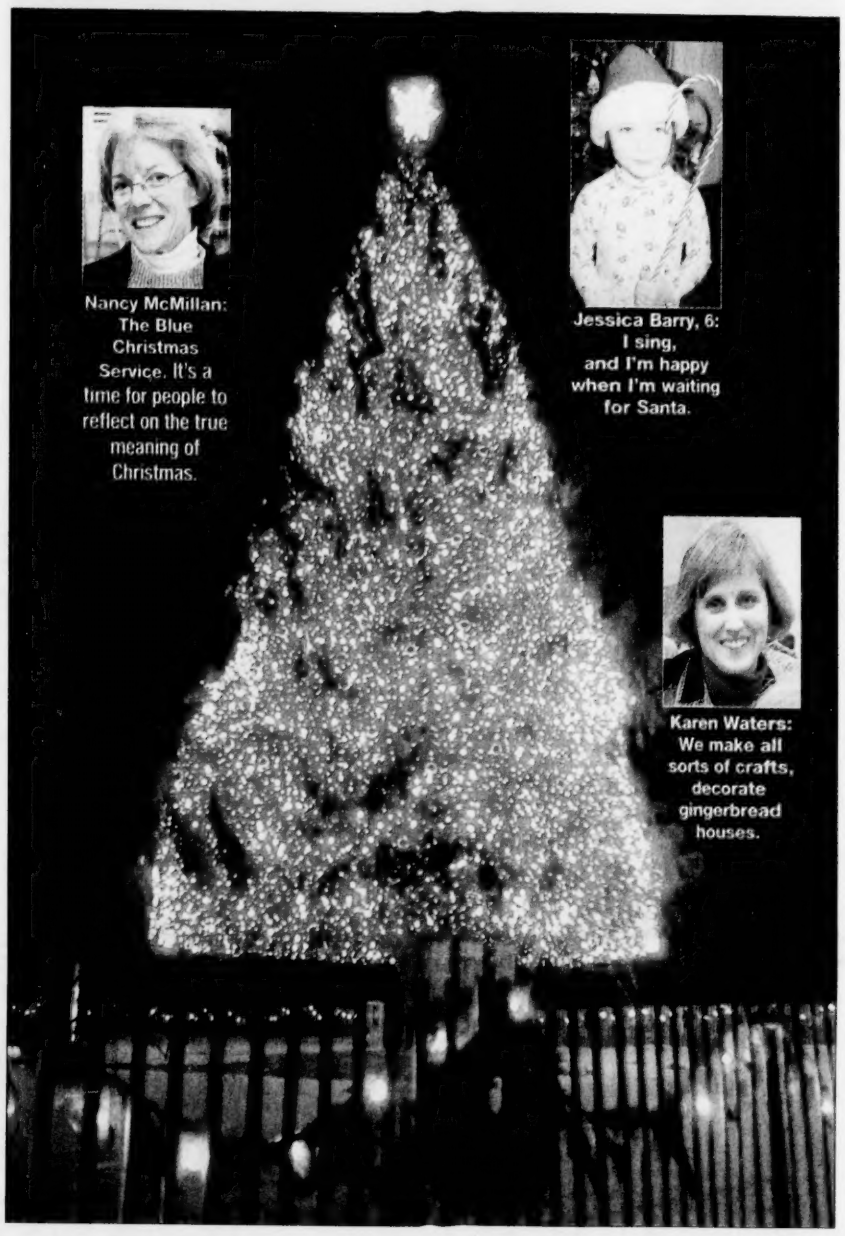

Nancy McMillan: The Blue Christmas Service. It's a time for people to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas.

Jessica Barry, 6: I sing, and I'm happy when I'm waiting for Santa.

Karen Waters: We make all sorts of crafts, decorate gingerbread houses.

PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Some Christian residents get in the spirit of Christmas by visiting the tree at Minuteman Park, which is visible from Interstate 93 near the River Road exit.

2005 MELTING AWAY

PHOTO BY ED BRENNEN

Andover resident Ed Brennen noticed something remarkable on his Orchard Crossing neighbors' home this week: snow melting in the shape of "2005" on a rooftop.

New year, new leaders

Finalists picked for planning, health

By Greta Cuyler

The town is close to deciding who will become the next leaders of its planning and health departments.

Planning Director Steve Colyer and Health Director Everett Penney will both retire on Jan. 6, after a combined 47 years of service to the town.

The fields of candidates to replace both men have been narrowed down to two finalists for each position. Town officials did not release the names of the finalists, but a decision is expected soon.

Meanwhile, the two longtime town employees have been saying goodbye. Penney had his final Board of Health meeting after 26 years on Monday, Dec. 19.

"You have earned our utmost respect and heartfelt thanks," said Board of Health Chairman Douglas Dunbar. "You were always thoughtful and your wisdom and moral compass have made it a pleasure to (work) with such a fine director."

The board presented Penney with a silver bowl, inscribed

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Holidays in the town's classrooms

37-page guideline for all schools

How are the holidays celebrated in the Andover schools? There are no set rules. But each school does have guidelines – 37 pages of guidelines. Each principal has a copy of the Anti-Defamation League's *Religion in the Public Schools: Guidlines for a growing and changing phenomenon, for K-12.*

Superintendent Claudia Bach said the booklet is meant to bring some consistency to how the Andover schools acknowledge the holidays and handle other religion-in-the-schools issues.

More on holidays in the schools **Page 23**

Among the comments in the publication:

• Religious symbols such as crosses, crèches and menorahs may be used as teaching aids in the classroom. Religious symbols are not permissible seasonal decorations.

• The Supreme Court has held that Christmas trees (and Hanukkah menorahs, in some circumstances) have become such secular symbols of the winter holiday season that their display by a public entity may not be an Establishment Clause violation. However, it is not at all clear that such displays are permitted in the public schools.

• It is important that all students feel comfortable and accepted in their school. Symbols of religious holidays may make some students feel uncomfortable and unwelcome.

• Music, art, literature, and drama with religious themes may be included in teaching about holidays, provided that their overall effect is not to endorse religion.

• Religious music or drama may be included in school events that are part of a secular program of education. Such events must not promote or denigrate any particular religion, serve as a religious celebration, or become a forum for religious devotion. Student participation should be voluntary.

• Public performances or presentations of music, literature and art are permissible, as long as they are presented objectively as part of a secular program of education.

• Religious music, literature, art or other religious activities should never dominate school activities. These activities are permissible only if they make up a small portion of a school-sponsored event.

– Neil Fater

Flood stoppers

Advances in construction may help reduce new developments' problems

By Greta Cuyler

When a new development is being built, residents often worry about whether the new houses will cause their homes or yards to be flooded.

But local developers might be able to use new technologies to avoid drainage issues and water runoff that often plague housing developments, say town planning officials. The key is pursuing low-impact development, the name for using topography-friendly alternatives to more traditional drainage methods.

"We're just learning all the ways now, and I think it is really exciting," said Planning Board Chairman Paul Salafia. "A town like Andover has reached a point in its development where a lot of land is challenged. This is a wonderful way to preserve the topography (with) much less impactive drainage."

A local developer has presented a plan to the town, showing how new technologies could work to minimize the water runoff and drainage issues that often plague housing developments.

In fact the Planning Board is reviewing "Aisling Estates," a plan by engineer Dan Koravos that uses various low-impact development techniques. Aisling Estates is a six-unit subdivision off Sunset Rock Road. Raymond Cormier, owner of Rayvon Realty Trust and son of Yvon Cormier, is the developer.

Koravos' plan included a two- to four-foot downward-sloping berm alongside the roadway, giving a pathway for water on the road and eliminat-

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Retiring Health Director Everett Penney (right) opens a gift from Board of Health members Douglas Dunbar (pictured), Stephen Loring and Candance Martin. Penney attended his last meeting on Monday, Dec. 19. The town has two finalists for his position.

Leadership shift nears

■ RETIREMENTS

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with the words,

Everett Penney Jr.
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Board of Health

On Dec. 13, the Planning Board said its goodbyes to 21-year veteran Steve Colyer. They gave him hugs, kisses and miniatures – all of the Hershey candy variety.

"The board recognized Steve's accomplishments," said Planning Board Chairman Paul Salafia. "Everyone said what Steve meant to them. It got a little mushy."

In particular, Salafia called Colyer's crafting of zoning bylaws "visionary." He said Colyer helped to protect downtown businesses at a time when the IRS was thinking of potentially leaving Andover. The zoning changes that Colyer made, Salafia said, helped the town grow and protected it from the likes of Wal-Mart or Home Depot.

"I'm going to miss them," said Colyer this week of board members. "This town has always had really good Planning Board members. I'm in a dream state right now. It's hard to think, in three weeks, I'll be

Court lets farmer's fines pile

By Greta Cuyler

Richard Nabydowski, the farmer who has agreed to sell his farm under pressure from the town, has lost his court appeal to have the town stop fining him $1,000 a day.

The ex-farmer's fines now total nearly $400,000.

The state's highest appeals court denied Nabydowski's appeal and refused to hear the case, the Board of Health reported at its meeting this week. The court denied the claim shortly before Thanksgiving.

"The petitioner has not demonstrated that the relief he seeks is unavailable in other forms, that he has exhausted the normal appellate remedies or that the normal appellate remedies are inadequate," reads the decision in part.

The town health department took action after receiving numerous complaints from neighbors on Lenox Circle and Devonshire Place that seagulls drawn to the cattle feed were roosting on their roofs and defecating on their houses.

On Sept. 9, 2004, the town began fining Nabydowski $1,000 per day, with the fines to accumulate until he cleaned up his 26-acre farm at 76 Blanchard Road to meet public health regulations. In early February 2005, the cattle-farming business on the property stopped operating.

The farmer claimed that the only way he could come up with the money for the cleanup was to sell the farm to a developer. He has been working with local developer Bill Johnson, who hopes to turn the farm into an "over 55" housing development.

The only legal recourse the ex-farmer has now is to appeal to the United States Supreme Court.

Raymond Paczkowski, Nabydowski's attorney, did not return a call by *Townsman* deadline.

PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Many Andover companies released their workers during the height of the first snowstorm two weeks ago. The Department of Public Works suggests companies listen to forecasts and not release people early if DPW has not had a chance to clear the roads.

Town: Let plows do their job

By Greta Cuyler

As of yesterday, Wednesday, winter had officially arrived. Andover residents, of course, have already had their reeducation about what it means to drive in New England at this time of year.

Even though the town officials put more than 100 pieces of equipment on the roads during the first storm of the year on Dec. 9, traffic stalled and people spent hours on the commute home. A lot of residents complained to the town, asking where the snow plows were, said Department of Public Works Director Jack Petkus.

So what happened?

The plows were there, said Petkus. So were front loaders, backhoes and pickups. There were 125 pieces of equipment in total.

"The one thing people didn't realize is that when they are stuck in traffic, we're stuck in traffic. We can't move because you're in front of us," he said.

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IN BRIEF

PAST AND PRESENT

OLDER PHOTO COURTESY OF ANDOVER HISTORICAL SOCIETY; MODERN-DAY PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Hartigan's Drug Store, at the corner of Chestnut and Main streets boasted a marble fountain, stained glass, and a mahogany phone booth. It advertised in 1924 that the fountain was equipped with a "Frigidaire" using no ice. Hartigan's closed in 1978. To the right of the drug store was Andover Consumer's Co-operative grocery store.

Holiday schedule for trash and recycling

Andover residents' trash will be picked up Tuesday through Saturday during Dec. 27-31 and Jan. 3-7.

Trash and recycling collection will be delayed a day during these two weeks because the Mondays following Christmas and New Year's Day are considered holidays.

All household trash and recycling is to be curbside no later than 7 a.m.

Truck schedules and routes are subject to change at any time without prior notice, according to the town Department of Public Works.

Run for office?

Once the new year arrives, candidates for office often start to announce their intent.

The last day to submit nomination papers for the annual town election is Tuesday, Feb. 7 at 5 p.m.

The annual town election will be held on Tuesday, March 28, from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. All nine precincts for the election will vote at the Andover High School Field House on Shawsheen Road.

Parking ban

The town of Andover has an overnight parking ban annually from Dec. 1 through April 1 from 1 to 6 a.m. Motor vehicles parked on town roadways that are interfering with the snow- and ice-removal operations during a storm event, regardless of the time of day, might be subject to be towed, according to the Department of Public Works.

Quote, unquote . . .

THERE ARE FEW IF ANY REFERENCES to any of the religious aspects. Fifty years ago you might have had two religious groups in a school. Now you have so many. This is a melting pot. How do you do it (acknowledge all holidays) in the right way?

– School Committee member Art Barber in an article about what schools are doing – and should do – to recognize the holidays this time of year. **(Story in Education, page 23)**

I HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH SOMEONE wearing a sweater with a dreidel on it ... I can't tell you how much it *doesn't* bother me if someone wishes me a Merry Christmas. Who cares if someone wishes you a Merry Christmas?

– Rabbi Robert Goldstein, in the same article **(Page 23)**

IT (THE STATE) WANTS to make sure they get everything done so children have the appropriate settings. And so do we.

– Veryl Anderson, Professional Center for Child Development executive director, on expanding the center. **(Story in Business, page 22)**

News Calendar

Wednesday, Jan. 4

Housing Trust Fund Board of Trustees, Town Offices, second-floor conference room, 7:30 a.m.

Tobacco Control Program, Town Offices, third-floor conference room, 10 a.m.

Thursday, Jan. 5

Greater Lawrence Bioterrorism Meeting., Town Offices, third-floor conference room, 10 a.m.

Zoning Board of Appeals., Memorial Hall Library, the Hall, 7 p.m

Saturday, Jan. 7

Zoning Board of Appeals., Memorial Hall Library, the Hall, 9 a.m

Monday, Jan. 9

Housing Partnership Committee, Town Offices, second-floor conference room, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 10

Planning Board, Town Offices, third-floor conference room, 7:30 p.m.

Heat issue will chill DCS winter plans

By Greta Cuyler

In the end, the town's energy task force's recommended cutbacks would have allowed Department of Community Service programs to continue as usual. But the DCS director said she has decided to postpone most of them anyway.

"I will be staggering more of the adult programs," said DCS Director Mary Donahue. "We were cold in November and I think it would be wise to monitor the situation." She added that DCS has voluntarily chosen to make the changes "because it would be cold – we want people to have some level of comfort."

A month ago, Donahue said she was asked by the energy task force subcommittee to help control utility costs this winter by delaying the start of most of her winter programs, which serve hundreds of residents.

Joe Piantedosi, chairman of the townwide energy task force, denied that the task force requested the change, instead saying that many ideas were put on the table during brainstorming session.

He said the task force's final recommendations aimed to accommodate all town and school programs.

"I think (the task force) is prepared to offer some accommodations," said DCS director Mary Donahue.

Donahue has decided that DCS will offer its six winter fitness programs beginning at the end of January, but delay the start of about 30 classroom programs until the end of February.

She is hopeful that programs can begin as scheduled a year from now, in January 2007.

She said DCS will cancel its school-vacation programs held at town schools. "We're not offering vacation programs because the gyms will not be available to us, but the policy would allow for us to potentially offer them in the future."

Warrant articles due in next month

The warrant for the Annual Town Meeting scheduled for April 24 and 25 will remain open into the new year. The final date for filing private warrant articles with the town clerk's office is Friday, Jan. 20, at 4:30 p.m.

Call the town's clerk's office at 978-623-8258 for information on how to obtain warrant article forms or stop by the office Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

A warrant article form is also available on the town's Web site at www.andoverma.gov. Town Clerk Randy Hanson can help with preparing a warrant article for petitioning Town Meeting.

E-mail news to the *Townsman* at nfater@andovertownsman.com

$2,000 needed to plug downtown lights gap

Andover has almost reached the holidays – and its goal of paying for the downtown holiday lights. More than 32 businesses in town have donated to the annual holiday lights on Main Street this year, said Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski.

It costs about $18,000 to light the trees on Main Street and Stapczynski said he is getting closer each day to reaching that goal. As of Tuesday he was short by about $2,000.

"I'd say (local businesses) have been very generous," he said, adding that local merchants' support bodes well for future holiday lighting programs.

CVS/pharmacy donated to the cause, responding to a plea from Board of Selectmen who called on the store to step up to the plate.

Stapczynski said this is the first time CVS has participated in the program since he has been in charge.

– Greta Cuyler

Abatements should be filed during January

The board of assessors for the town of Andover completed the triennial revaluation of property and received preliminary certification from the department of revenue earlier this year.

Applications for abatement may be filed with the board of assessors between Jan. 1 and Feb. 1, 2006. Residents with questions regarding their new valuation, can speak with workers in the assessor's office.

Overall, the town of Andover realized an increase of 7 percent. All property was brought to fair market value and should reflect its value as of Jan. 1, as indicated by sales from calendar year 2004, according to the town. Values were not factored. A complete analysis was done for all types and classes of property.

From this analysis, residential property has increased, on average, from 5 percent to 10 percent. Commercial and industrial property did not increase.

Values are available in the assessors office during normal business hours, or on the town Web site at "andoverma.gov".

Corrections

An article in last week's *Townsman* incorrectly stated the number of students displaced by Hurricane Katrina who will attend Phillips Academy all year. Only 10 or 11 of the 18 such students who attended Phillips in the fall will stay through the spring semester, said Stephen Porter, public information director.

Due to inaccurate submitted information, a submitted photo in the Dec. 1 Social Notebook portion of the *Townsman* incorrectly identified one of the Sunset Tappers who performed during a Thanksgiving event. The dancer is Dolores "Dee" Henry.

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How do you get ready for holidays?

■ **GETTING THE SPIRIT**

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"We have two trees, one for the kids and one for the guests. The kids' tree has ornaments on it that aren't glass. The upstairs tree is all glass."

ANASTASIA MACEWAN OF BELMONT, 7, WHO ATTENDED WEST PARISH CHURCH'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT WITH HER PARENTS ML AND MIKE, AND HER SISTER TAYLOR, 5.

"The Blue Christmas Service. Sometimes Christmas is not as joyful as it is commercially made out to be. It's a time for people to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas. Also, decorating the tree, baking cookies and Christmas caroling (to convalescent homes in Andover in North Andover)."

NANCY MCMILLAN, OF ANDOVER WHO ATTENDED THE PAGEANT WITH DAUGHTER LISA HELLA OF WORCESTER, GRANDSON ETHAN, 2, AND GODDAUGHTER TRACY BRESLIN OF SPENCER.

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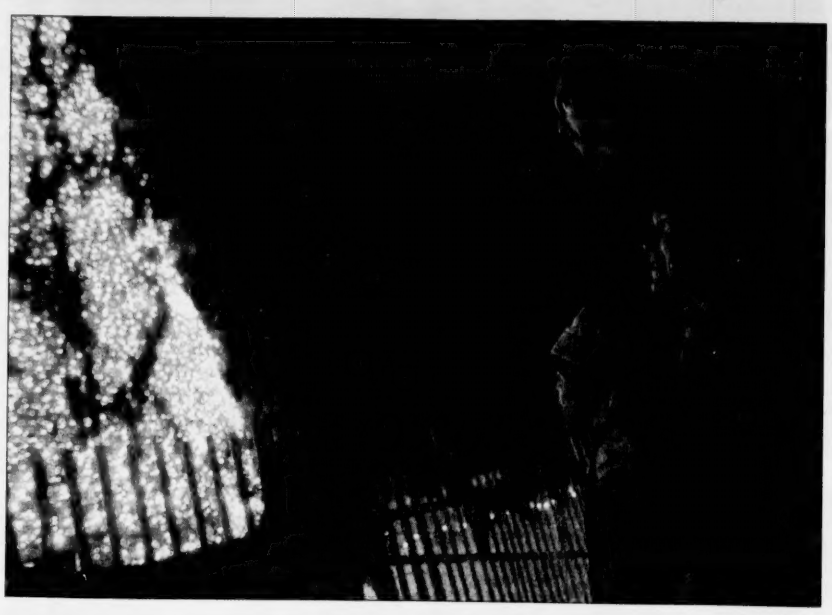

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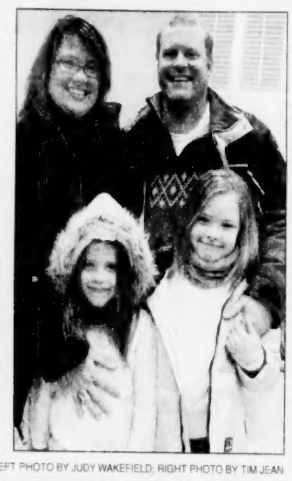
Nick Boland and his sister Sophia Boland visited the large Christmas Tree at Minuteman Park off River Road this week with their uncle Tony Crescimano. The three all live in North Andover.



LEFT PHOTO BY JUDY WAKEFIELD; RIGHT PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Tackling tree decorating helps some people get in the spirit. That's true for both Jake Barry (left photo) and Anastasia MacEwan (bottom right of center photo above) of Belmont, 7, pictured with her parents, ML and Mike, and her sister Taylor, 5.

PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Karen Waters of Andover, pictured with husband Bob and children Christian, 12, Marielle, 11, and Bruce, 6, enjoys making wreaths and other Christmas items.

Mothers' group connects with MSPCC kids

By Courtney Fiske
What's Up contributor

The holiday season is the time of year when poverty really hits home for disadvantaged families. That's why the Mother's Connection decided to hold a Christmas celebration for 130 hard-hit families in Lawrence and Methuen. For two hours on Friday night, young mothers, along with their children and family members, could enjoy the spirit of the holiday without worrying about what would appear under the tree.

The event was held in lieu of the traditional party thrown by the Massachusetts' Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children (MSPCC). Due to a variety of reasons, the society was not able to have their usual celebration for participants in the Healthy Families Program, a support-system for first-time mothers under the age of 20 with a child 3 years or younger. The Mother's Connection (TCM), a non-profit organization that provides a social forum for new mothers in the Merrimack Valley, used surplus money from fundraising to sponsor the gathering, which, for most of the participants, was the only Christmas celebration that they might have this year.

"Given all of the natural disasters this year, and the economy, and the price of heat and oil, the budgets of so many smaller agencies have been cut. We really wanted to do what we could, especially at this time of year," said event organizer Caren Fishman.

Echoed organizer Heidi O'Mara, "One of the missions (of TCM) is to do outreach to families who are struggling. When people can't even afford to put food on the table and are living from paycheck to paycheck, the thought of putting up a family celebration with toys and food is just completely out of reach. This was their holiday celebration."

This year's party was a fun time for mothers and infant alike. While Mrs. Claus painted faces and gave water tattoos, Santa invited youngsters to sit on his lap. With holiday music and classic kids' tunes playing in the background, children made picture frames from paper plates and dined on pizza and snacks. The highlight of the night came when each child received his own present.

"One boy got a toy, just $10 board game, but his face just lit up and he yelled 'yahooo!' It was then that I felt that there was such a sense of belonging, that we really created an environment where kids felt at home and could really celebrate," said O'Mara.

The Mother's Connection was founded in 1982 by 11 women and the all-volunteer organization now claims 1,000 members.

"The whole point (of creating TCM) was because there wasn't much in the area for women with young children to do. The Mother Connection helps ease new mothers into this transitional period, where many are leaving their careers to become stay-at-home moms and are reassessing what they want to do with their lives," says co-founder Elizabeth Koontz.

While TCM provides information, resources, support, and recreation for mothers and their children, it also reaches out to the local community. It has donated to Grandparents as Parents, a local organization that works with families in Andover and Lawrence, and has provided female sufferers of domestic violence in Lawrence with clothing and Christmas presents.

To get more information about TCM, visit its Web site, www.themothersconnection.com, or call 978-475-1500. Membership is $45 per year.

POLICE LOG

ARRESTS

Wednesday, Dec. 14 - At 4:08 p.m., Marilyn Hall, 41, 69 Hamilton St., Apt. 3, Dorchester, was arrested and charged with receiving stolen property in excess of $250.

At 4:08 p.m., Alicia M. Hall, 24, 96 Bellevue St., Dorchester, was arrested and charged with receiving stolen property in excess of $250.

At 4:08 p.m., Latonya Anderson, 30, of 9 Bowdoin Park, Dorchester, was arrested and charged with receiving stolen property in excess of $250.

At 4:08 p.m., William Quinerly, 22, of 69 Bellevue St., Apt. 1, Dorchester, was arrested and charged with receiving stolen property in excess of $250, forgery of a check, uttering a false check, giving a false name during booking and RMV ID card fraud. He also had four outstanding warrants for a drug violation near a school, larceny from a person, possession with intent to distribute a class B substance and carrying a dangerous weapon.

Thursday, Dec. 15 - At 3:52 a.m., Danielle R. Rogers, 21, of 96 Belluvue St., Dorchester, was arrested and charged on an outstanding arrant for disorderly conduct and miscellaneous common law viola-

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Easing effects of new development?

■ **LOW IMPACT**

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ing the necessity for storm drains. There would be up to two feet of new permeable soil along the berm. Called a grass swale, this is just one example of low-impact development, and one of several proposed for Aisling Estates.

The Planning Board has already begun to look at its rules more creatively. In a "miniature" low impact project, Salafia said the board approved building one driveway to serve three houses in Shawsheen Village. So, instead of the town building a 24-foot-wide paved road with sidewalks, residents will now have a 16- to 18-foot driveway, which could be built with cobblestones. Salafia said that small example lessens the impact to the surrounding land.

Town Planner Paul Materazzo said the ushering in of low impact technologies will require the public works, conservation and planning departments to work together to implement the new storm-water management solutions.

Koravos said he has seen low-impact development techniques applied. Koravos said that in one project, a developer was going to lose one lot in a planned subdivision due to the easements for the retention basin and drainage requirements.

"The developer, who had done a similar project ... came in and worked with us and did drawings and designs of low-impact development (storm water management techniques) and I was a little skeptical," he said.

But a subsequent six inches of rain at the development has yielded no water problems.

"What we're trying to do, with minimal impact to the area, is treat the runoff on site both from a quality and quantity standpoint, and provide something that's a little more pleasing than a big detention basin," said Koravos.

The driving force behind low-impact development is to mimic the land's topography pre-development, while also minimizing water runoff and eliminating the need for large retention basins. Materazzo said this technique allows for more of the land's natural topography to remain intact, while improving the aesthetics of a development.

"It's just a matter of time before these new low impact technologies become commonplace in every development," said Materazzo.

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Police: In effort to escape, man steals DPW vehicle, rams trooper

By Greta Cuyler

A state police trooper suffered minor injuries on Tuesday when a suspect crashed his truck into a the trooper's cruiser while trying to flee the scene, said state police officials.

Two men were arrested after State Police Trooper Kathryn Downey stopped to help occupants of a disabled vehicle on the ramp from Interstate 93 North to Exit 44A in Andover.

On Wednesday morning, the state police were still trying to determine the suspects' names, because the names they gave officers did not match the fingerprints run through an FBI database during booking.

"Right now we're confused on the people's identity, we're still trying to determine what their real names are," said Lt. Edward Amodeo of the Andover State Police barracks.

The incident began around 2:15 p.m. on Tuesday when Trooper Downey stopped to help a disabled Dodge Caravan at the intersection of I-93 and Route 495. She soon became suspicious when it began to look like the occupants might not be the owners of the vehicle, said Thomas Ryan, state police spokesman. The two men then jumped out of the vehicle and attempted to flee the scene. Trooper Downey arrested Santiago Castro (an alias), 32, of Lynn, and charged him with unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, operating an unregistered and uninsured motor vehicle without an inspection sticker, a number plate violation and forgery or misusing an RMV document. He also had outstanding misdemeanor warrants.

The second suspect ran across all lanes of traffic on I-93 and entered the Mass Highway DPW pit, said police. There, he found a worker's car unattended and running. He jumped into the car, stole it and attempted to leave the scene. A state trooper, who is a member of the Governor's Auto Theft Strike Force, had been monitoring the incident on the radio and was entering the pit as the suspect was leaving. The suspect crashed the stolen vehicle into the trooper's vehicle, said police.

Ricardo Castro-Torres (alias), 35, of Lynn was arrested and charged with receiving a stolen motor vehicle, possession of a hypodermic needle, three counts of assault and battery on a police officer, assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, resisting arrest, disorderly conduct, operating a motor vehicle after license revocation and reckless operation.

Both suspects were held overnight at the Andover state police barracks without bail and due to appear in Lawrence District Court on Wednesday after *Townsman* deadline. The incident is still under investigation.

Tips from the town

■ WINTER DRIVING

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During the height of the afternoon storm, which dumped upwards of 18 inches in Andover, snow was falling at a rate of four inches per hour.

Many drivers hit the roads during this time, which Petkus called the "height of the white-out conditions," because employers sent workers home early. At about 3 p.m., about 4,000 employees from Raytheon and the IRS left work as normal and suddenly added to the jammed roads.

"It couldn't have been a worse time to release people," said Petkus.

He said if people had stayed at work, it would have given DPW an opportunity to get the main roads open.

"It's nice to be let out of work early, but it's not very nice to be let out in a traffic jam if you're going to spend two hours longer to get home."

Police Chief Brian Pattullo said dozens of motorists were stuck in the snow during the storm. He said the department tried to call extra officers in during the storm, but none were available.

Both Petkus and Pattullo suggested that residents watch the weather forecast during a storm. In the case of Friday's storm, the storm was predicted to be over between 4 and 6 p.m.

"A lot of times businesses have a tendency to let employees go at the height of a storm," said Pattullo. "Better to wait a little bit, maybe even have a staggered release to make travel a little better."

The town spends an average of $10,000 per hour on a storm of that magnitude to pay for equipment rentals, overtime, sand, salt and fuel, said Petkus.

He said the best decision of the Dec. 9 storm came from Claudia Bach, the superintendent of schools. Bach decided early Friday morning to close all Andover schools that day.

"I guarantee there was a lot of grumbling when she did that, because the snow was light at the time," said Petkus. "With 20/20 hindsight, that was a brilliant decision."

Residents who hire private contractors to plow their driveways need to make sure the plows do not put any snow in the street or cause a bump out in the road.

Otherwise, the homeowner can be fined by the town.

Petkus said snow that juts into the street can cause a driver to swerve into oncoming traffic. "Leave a nice, even berm, don't put (snow) on the street," he said.

POLICE LOG

■ ARRESTS

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Friday, Dec. 16 - At 2:20 p.m., Craig A. Edwards, 30, of 7 Elysian Drive, Andover, was arrested and charged with possession of a Class E substance. He also had outstanding warrants for drug distribution.

Saturday, Dec. 17 - At 6:21 p.m., Fernando Martinez, 48, of 554 Wilder St., Lowell, was arrested and charged with making an improper left turn, with a second offense for operating under the influence, and with having an open container of liquor in a motor vehicle.

Tuesday, Dec. 20 - At 10:43 a.m., Bert J. Gilbert III, 21, of 204 Chestnut St., Andover, was arrested and charged with assault and battery on a household member and assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

At 11:58 a.m., a resident reported that a man entered the breezeway in the back of her house. When she opened the door, the man asked her if a specific person was home. She said no and closed the door. The man then took off running. He was described as a bald, white male driving an older blue convertible car, heading towards Route 28. Police issued a bulletin and North Reading police apprehended a man. Subsequently, Andover police arrested and charged Edmond G. Dunne, 40, of 699 Front St., Weymouth with malicious destruction of property in excess of $250, and breaking and entering in the daytime with intent to commit a felony and putting a person in fear.

INCIDENTS

Thursday, Dec. 15 - At 8:51 a.m., Salem, N.H. police called to report that a woman who works in Andover had called and stated that her husband was trying to poison her. Officers spoke with the woman, who said she was not feeling well and had an argument with her husband. Subject was transported via ambulance to Lawrence General Hospital.

At 3:14 p.m., a resident reported that her daughter called home and someone picked up the phone and started joking with her, even though there was not supposed to be anyone there. An officer met the mother at the home and went through the house. The log reported that the woman felt satisfied and safe.

At 7:47 p.m., a caller reported that their 18-year-old was out of control. The subject was transported to Holy Family Hospital for an evaluation.

Friday, Dec. 16 - At 12:40 p.m., a caller reported that she was just in an altercation at the Abbot Pond Cleaners with another woman. She said she was trying to pick up her clothes from the cleaners and the woman grabbed them out of her hands. The officer reported that no assault took place and it was a language barrier that was the problem. Officer spoke with both women.

At 4:05 p.m. a caller reported that he had been drinking for six days. Subject was transported to the hospital.

At 10:09 p.m., an employee of Glory Restaurant reported that someone shot a BB gun through the restaurant lounge window.

Sunday, Dec. 18 - At 8:24 a.m., police were called to assist the fire department with a 33-year-old male who was feeling suicidal.

At 9:54 p.m., a resident reported that her 22-year-old son was intoxicated and causing a problem. After she called, the son left the residence and his mother did not know where he went. Police issued a bulletin for the subject, who was described as highly intoxicated, emotionally disturbed and possibly suicidal.

Monday, Dec. 19 - At 10:14 a.m., Depot Pizza reported that their window was shot at with a BB gun.

At 6:11 p.m., a resident reported that her 13-year old daughter was out of control. She transported to a hospital via ambulance.

AUTO INCIDENTS

Wednesday, Dec. 14 - At 12:54 p.m., a resident reported she had locked her three kids in a car on Post Office Avenue. The woman's husband came and unlocked it.

AUTO ACCIDENTS

Wednesday, Dec. 14 - At 5:59 p.m., a motorist reported that he struck a deer on Route 125 at Salem Street. The caller said that he was not injured but the deer was in the middle of the road. An animal control officer responded.

At 8:07 p.m., police received word of a rollover accident on Rattlesnake Hill Road with a report that someone might be trapped inside. A full extrication response was sent and the car was towed.

THEFTS

Wednesday, Dec. 14 - At 1:40 a.m., a resident reported that her 1994 Acura Legend was stolen approximately 10 minutes ago. The vehicle was later recovered by North Andover Police Department at 8:47 a.m. the next morning.

At 10:58 a.m., a resident reported that someone used her credit card online.

At 7:34 p.m., a resident reported that someone had stolen her cell phone.

Saturday, Dec. 17 - At 7:17 p.m., a resident called to report her jewelry was stolen sometime in the past month.

Sunday, Dec. 18 - At 1:35 p.m., a resident reported that someone stole her purse and medications out of her vehicle while she was parked in the CVS parking lot.

Monday, Dec. 19 - At 4:07 p.m., a resident came into the station to report credit card fraud.

BREAKS

Thursday, Dec. 15 - At 7:30 a.m., a Bradley Road resident reported finding that someone had broken into his car during the night.

Friday, Dec. 16 - At 6:09 p.m., police received a 911 call about a hotel guest's car that had been broken into.

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THE BACK PAGE

Coming together – on hospital level 15 – to form a union

Bill Dalton

I've been a lawyer for the American Cancer Society for several years. One of the rewarding parts of my job is that I come into contact with fine volunteers, many of whom are medical people who work on the front lines in the cancer war. At a meeting last week, a board member told the following story.

The events took place at a major hospital in the Northwest where the board member works. The original story was written for the hospital staff newsletter. Although I have changed or deleted bits of information to protect privacy and made other writing edits for purposes of this column, the story is fully intact.

It was snowing outside the hospital on Dec. 1. Nearly every room was full, and the staff was busy. On hospital level 15, a leukemia patient smiled whenever anyone entered his room. "I am getting married today," he'd say to each person. The day before, the level 15 nurses learned that the critically ill man and his fiance had chosen the date and time for their marriage: Thursday, Dec. 1 at 4 p.m. The marriage plan captured the nurses' hearts.

"We overheard their wish to get married the day before, on Wednesday," said one of the nurses. "The patient was very ill at the time, and we hoped he would not be in ICU the next day. We wanted this wedding to happen."

Despite their concerns, the nurses on level 15 went to work. Between patient rounds, treatments, and the rest of their work, the nurses began planning a wedding. A phone call to a local foundation resulted in a wedding-cake order, flowers, and a boutonniere. One of the hospital gift shop volunteers offered a CD player and wedding music. Another quick call to a local inn was made for coffee service. The family of the patient scheduled a minister and got two friends to serve as witnesses.

A quick glance at level 15 would reveal no more than a normal day in a busy hospital. Yet, on this day, every staff member knew that they were part of something bigger than a shift.

"The morning of the wedding took a lot of careful planning," added the nurse. "The patient could not miss his appointments and needed multiple procedures and treatments. One procedure required recovery time, so the anesthesiologist came early enough to allow the patient to recover in time for the wedding. The hospital seemed incredibly busy, but we all worked together to make the schedule work."

The wedding ceremony was to take place in the Level 15 lobby, but, as the day wore on, the nurses realized the groom was too ill to move very far.

"Instead, we took apart the vacant patient room next door," said the nurse. "We moved the bed out, took apart the table in our break room and reassembled it in the patient room."

In addition to the coffee service, the inn also came through with white tablecloths for the table and windowsill as well as its best china. Friends brought additional flowers and the room was filled with color. The wedding cake was displayed on the table, and it was surrounded by flowers.

The scene was set and all that remained was to wait for the bride and groom. At 3 p.m. the patient developed a fever. Then 5 p.m. came and went, and the patient continued to rest. Undaunted, whether their shift was over or not, the nursing staff waited. Then, at 5:30 p.m., the patient woke up, smiled and said, "I am getting married today."After a quick wash and shave, with his boutonniere in place, the groom joined his fiancée in a short walk down the "aisle" between his room and the room next door.

In the hallway, the soft sound of Pachelbel's *Canon* was the only indication that something extraordinary was happening. But inside the room, the patient and his bride softly spoke their vows to the minister, the witnesses, and a room full of hospital staff.

Within an hour, the groom was sleeping quietly back in his bed, the room next door was occupied by a new patient, an emergency in a room across the hall had medical staff running, and outside the hospital the snow continued to fall.

Bill Dalton is a former Andover selectman and Town Meeting moderator.

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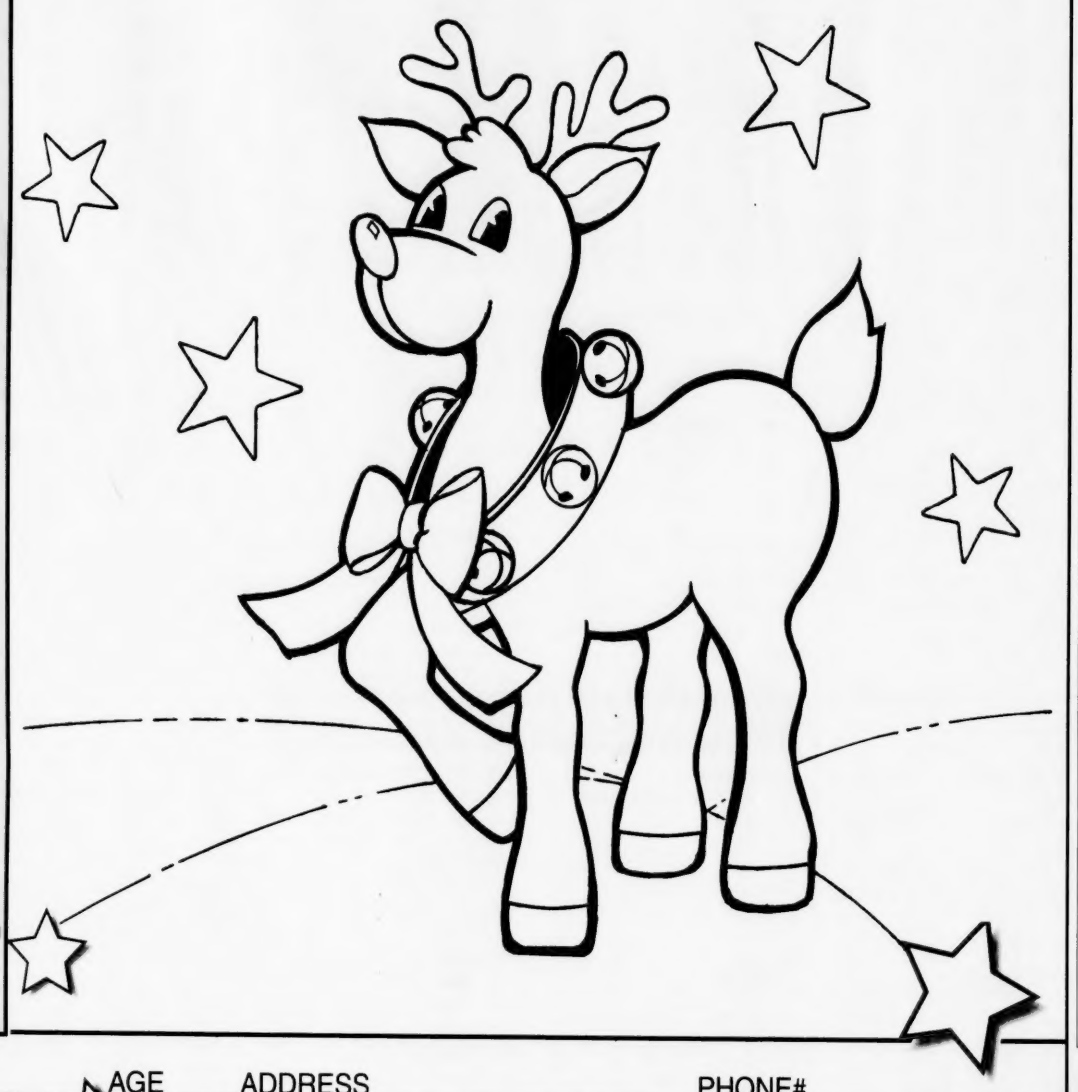

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Opinion

Enjoy your holiday

THIS YEAR, THE END-OF-YEAR holidays we are most familiar with – Christmas, Hanukkah and Kwanzaa – all begin within 24 hours of one another. Hanukkah begins on Christmas night, Dec. 25, and Kwanzaa starts Dec. 26. With a national holiday celebrated on Monday, Dec. 26, the approaching weekend gives many of us time to escape our hectic paces, if only for a day or two, and finally relax with family or friends.

After a long year, this weekend is a great time to focus on what's important individually to each of us. It's a time to "unplug" a bit, which ironically recharges our batteries so we can plow through the New England winter ahead.

We wish you, our readers, the best as you celebrate, and hope each of you is able to make time to enjoy the holidays as you wish.

A BROOK RUNS THROUGH IT

PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Ice forms on the edge of a small brook that leads to the Shawsheen River in the Burns Reservation, off Chester Street.

Web question

Does new approach hold water?

Last week's *Andover Townsman* Web-site question was about the town taxing a resident of an affordable housing unit based on a market rate value. Janet Trachym said she paid over $1,100 more than she should have in residential taxes last year and wishes the town was more diligent in recording affordable units in Andover so that tax bills will be correct. What do you think? 41 people responded.

- 24 people or 59 percent said, "The town needs to refund her the extra payment. They can't blame state law for the reason they can do nothing."
- 4 people or 10 percent said, "There are few enough new affordable units in town each year that the town should track them accurately."
- 13 or 32 percent said, "It's the homeowner's responsibility. We all get quarterly tax bills and we have to read them to ensure they are correct. Affordable unit or market value home, it doesn't matter. As taxpayers, we all have the same responsibility."
- No one said, "Other."

This week's *Andover Townsman* Web-site question is about flooding – a problem that troubles many homeowners when heavy rain falls. Planning officials say there is a new way to reduce the water runoff effects of new development called "low-impact development." Berms along new roads are part of the plan. Are you happy to hear that planning officials are spending time on this problem?

- Yes, and it's about time. My basement floods every year so I am glad to hear someone is paying attention to the problem.
- Yes, but I hope officials don't get carried away with low-impact development plans. I see it as a developer's ploy to build houses on land that should not be built on.
- No, Andover has a high water table so berms and downward slopes won't help. I think officials are wasting their time.
- No, because this town is built out. There is no room for more housing developments. I don't think developers should be encouraged to build houses here.
- Other.

To vote, surf to www.andovertownsman.com.

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LETTERS

Bill is healthy alternative

Editor, *Townsman:*

As the conference committee on Beacon Hill works on a health-care bill based on employer-mandated insurance, it is worth remembering a serious proposal for universal single-payer health care is also before the legislature.

S.755, "An Act to Authorize the Establishment of A Massachusetts Health Care Trust," will guarantee quality health care to all Massachusetts residents. It will have regional divisions to ensure equitable care throughout the state, and will give every Massachusetts resident the same comprehensive policy, which will be based on need of care, not ability to pay. It will be accountable to the citizens of Massachusetts and flexible enough to change as the Commonwealth's health-care needs change. It will set aside up to 1 percent of the trust income for medical research and innovation, and will pay for the retraining of former employees of health-insurance companies.

It will do all of this affordably because it will reduce administrative costs from the current 40 percent to 5 percent, and permit bulk purchases of prescription drugs.

S.755 is the health-care bill that best meets the needs of Massachusetts residents. We urge people to urge their legislators to enact it.

Madhu Sridhar
Rattlesnake Hill Road
LWV of Mass. President
Judy Deutsch
Sudbury
LWVM health-care specialist

Watch out for signs of seasonal stress, depression

Editor, *Townsman:*

The holiday season is a stressful time for families. With our country at war, continued security concerns, and a season that may remind us of our losses, celebrating may be difficult for some people. It is important to be aware of the signs of increasing depression and high risk factors for suicide to help one another remain safe.

The following top risk factors for suicide are statistical fact for adolescents:

- Drug and alcohol abuse
- Prior suicide attempts
- Mental illness (for example; depression, bipolar disorder)
- History of behavior and school problems
- Family history of suicide
- Availability of firearms (empty it out and lock it up)
- Issues regarding sexual orientation, as one third of all completed suicides are related to a lack of understanding of gay and lesbian issues.

It should be remembered these facts do not occur in any order for a person (young, middle aged or senior), and at times may seem to be resolved. However, time, stress and/or crisis will cause high risk behaviors to recur. Depression is a recurring illness. Treatment for depression and mood disorders, such as psychotherapy and medication must be ongoing. There is a myth about suicide, that talking about it causes it to happen. The opposite is true. Discussion regarding the facts about suicide will prevent it. As a community we must continue to build relationships and a sense of belonging to help reduce these risks. We are concerned that as a community we are "jumping over dollars to save pennies" in our budget struggles. The cutbacks in programs across the community in public schools, youth services, and elder services have resulted in an increase of high risk behavior across all the age groups. For every completed suicide there is a "ripple effect" and countless attempts that go unreported. Advocacy for replacement of financial cuts of staff and programs in schools, youth services and elder services is essential to reduce the loss of our family members, friends and neighbors to suicide.

To fight the holiday blues, spend time with friends, get regular exercise, rest, do not over indulge in alcohol and participate in good deeds. For serious depression, contact a professional for assistance (psychiatrist, psychologist, social worker, family doctor, clergy person). If you have an immediate concern about high risk behavior or potential suicide in a friend, loved one or yourself, call 911, the Samaritan's crisis line (866-912-HOPE), or go to a local emergency room. One person, family, school, organization, church, or temple cannot provide the solution to this public health problem. There is no such thing as other people's children. We must not close our hearts and minds to our responsibility to show all children that there is always a way, always hope. Together, in a vital, caring, community we will find the support and courage to fight back against depression and suicide.

Andover Community Advocates for Resources, Education and Support wishes all our community a peaceful, healthy, and caring holiday season.

Margaret Downes
46 Walnut Ave.

The letter was signed by the six other members of Andover CARES.

Reduce, reuse, recycle make a new holiday tradition

Editor, *Townsman:*

Twas the night after Christmas and all through the land,
not a barrel was full, and Santa was glad!

The gifts had been bought by elves with care
and wrapped to make sure no waste would be there.

First Elf, Reid Deuce, found gifts that use less
While washing or lighting and leave no toxic mess.

Gifts from Ray Hughes were good more than one time
To carry coffee or groceries, and run toys just fine.

Third Elf, Reese I. Kohl, wanted things to have another life
So he gave friends shredders, small bins, and a utility knife.

Fourth Elf, Byron Seikul, sought gifts made from what others throw
And gave cards, shirts, and fleece all wrapped with a bow.

Santa spoke not a word but smiled at them all
And noted they'd all avoided the mall

As he sprang to his sleigh, his heart was quite warm
Knowing there'd be little trash in the morn.

And he was heard to exclaim, as he drove out of sight
Twas a happy Christmas for all, and wished all a "green life"!

Candy Dann
4 Rock O'Dundee Road

(The writer is the chairwoman of the Andover Recycling Committee.)

About 'Thursday File'

Steve MacDowall's file on the Internet contains quotations such as the ones on this page.

THE THURSDAY FILE

It was a high counsel that I once heard given to a young person: "Always do what you are afraid to do."
RALPH WALDO EMERSON

The first step in the acquisition of wisdom is silence, the second listening, the third memory, the fourth practice, the fifth teaching others.
SOLOMON IBN GABRIOL

I demolish my bridges behind me ... then there is no choice but to move forward.
FIRDTJOF NANSEN

The shortest way to do many things is to do only one thing at a time.
RICHARD CECH

Nothing contributes so much to tranquilize the mind as a steady purpose – a point on which the soul may fix its intellectual eye.
MARY SHELLEY

One cannot manage too many affairs: like pumpkins in the water, one pops up while you try to hold down the other.
CHINESE PROVERB

One who understands much displays a greater simplicity of character than one who understands little.
ALEXANDER CHASE

Every generation laughs at the old fashions, but religiously follows the new.
HENRY DAVID THOREAU

Best quotation sent

I object to violence because when it appears to do good, the good is only temporary; the evil it does is permanent."
MOHANDAS K. GANDHI

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HALL OF FAME

Punchard/Andover High School Hall of Fame Banquet is Jan. 20

A very impressive class of inductees will assemble at Andover Country Club on Friday night, Jan. 20 for the Punchard/Andover High School Hall of Fame Banquet.

Fourteen individuals and three football teams, spanning the years from 1946 through 1998, will be enshrined during the course of the evening program, which begins at 6.

The honorees, in alphabetical order with year of graduation in parentheses where applicable, are Susan Ashlock (1996), longtime football/track coach Dick Collins, Chris Eggert (1990), Amy Heseltine (1992), Justin Hesenius (1993), Stacey Lavoie (1994), Joe Marinaro (1991), Lee Dziadosz Metzger (1989), Charlotte Muller (1998), Sarah Muller (1998), Tim Perry (1986), Robert W. Phinney (1946), Jerry Stabile (1977) and Richard Swift.

Also entering The Hall will be members of Andover's 1973 through 1975 football teams, which qualified for the Eastern Mass. Division 2 Super Bowl three straight years and won titles in 1974 and 1975.

"It's a terrific group," said Andover High co-athletic director Dave Nichols. "The really special highlight is having both Dick Collins and his three Super Bowl teams inducted at the same time."

These selectees were chosen from those submitted to the HOF committee during an ongoing nomination period over the past few months.

In addition to being outstanding athletically, the only other major stipulation is nominees must have been graduated or retired from Andover High for at least five years.

WHAT: Punchard/Andover High Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Banquet.

WHEN: Friday, Jan. 20.

TIME: 6 p.m.

WHERE: Andover Country Club.

TICKETS: $40 each, on sale now thru Jan. 12.

INDUCTEES: Susan Ashlock, Dick Collins, Lee Dziadosz-Metzger, Chris Eggert, Amy Heseltine, Justin Hesenius, Stacey Lavoie, Joe Marinaro, Charlotte Muller, Sarah Muller, Tim Perry, Robert Phinney, Jerry Stabile, Dick Swift, 1973-75 Super Bowl Football Teams.

MORE INFO: AHS Athletic Office, adjacent to Dunn Gym. Call 978-623-8670.

Each inductee will receive an individual plaque and have his or her name engraved on new permanent plaques hanging on the walls in the foyer outside the Dunn Gym.

The new class of 2006 joins an existing group of 97 individual Andover Athletic Hall of Famers and two other teams, the state champion 1949 and 1970 boys basketball squads.

Indications from banquet organizers are that every inductee will attend, including several traveling from far corners of the country.

Tickets for the event, which went on sale earlier this month and can be purchased until Jan. 12, are $40 each.

For more ticket information contact the Andover High School Athletic Office, located at AHS between the Dunn Gym and Field House, or call the office at 978-623-8670.

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Starting this week, biographical sketches on each of the inductees will be published, with information provided by various sources including the honoree, family, friends and the AHS athletic department headed by co-athletic directors Nichols and Brian McNally.

SUSAN R. ASHLOCK

Track/Soccer
(Class of 1996)

Currently residing in Seattle, Wash., 1996 graduate Ashlock was a track & field and soccer standout for the Lady Warriors and later at Dartmouth College.

Distance ace Ashlock at one time or another held (or holds) the AHS girls two-mile/3,200 meters and mile record times indoors and outdoors.

Susan Ashlock

She also ran the 1000 and pentathlon (indoors) and competed on the 4x800 and 4xmile relay teams.

She was the All-State two-mile indoor champion and placed second outdoors in the same race at the New England Track & Field Championship.

She was the *Eagle Tribune* indoor track MVP for the area in 1996.

In soccer, Ashlock was a defender and two-time Merrimack Valley Conference All-Star on Andover teams that won league titles in 1994 and 1995 with stellar records of 16-2-2 and 17-2-1 respectively.

At Dartmouth, Ashlock captained both the women's cross country and track & field teams in 1999 and 2000.

She was first-team All-Ivy in 2000 for both indoor and outdoor track, and Academic All-Ivy during the 1999 indoor track season.

Ashlock finished fifth in the mile at the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference (ECAC) Championship Meet in 1998, and helped the 4x800 relay set a Dartmouth school record in 1997 when the Big Green placed fourth at the NCAA Division 1 Championship Meet.

Ashlock continued her running career after college, with her more significant accomplishments including first place in the 2001 Washington 5K Road Race Championships and sixth in the 2004 Washington State Road Race Championships.

In cycling and multisport competition, she was first in the 2004 Portland Spring Classic Duathlon (running, cycling), first amateur female in the 2002 Dannon Duathlon, first in her age group in the 2003 Beaver Lake Triathlon, fourth in her division of the 2003 National Cyclocross Championships and second in the 2004 Washington State Omnium Championships.

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PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Angels appeared to guide shepherds to the spot where the Christ Child lay in the manger at West Parish Church. Many Andover families consider the pageant part of their Christmas tradition — whether they attend, or play a role in the annual performance.

No room at the inn

29th Annual Outdoor Christmas Pageant at West Parish Church

By Greta Cuyler

A COLD NIGHT DID NOT CHILL THE SPIRITS of the 200 people who turned out Sunday at 5 to see youth and adults reenact the Christmas story of the night Jesus was born in a manger in Bethlehem.

It was the 29th Annual Outdoor Christmas Pageant at West Parish Church.

The evening was a family affair for some. Jim Olson of Andover, who served as the play's narrator, was joined by his three daughters, Joanna, 9, Michaela, 11, and Laura, 4. Joanna and Michaela played shepherds and Laura was an angel. Wife Karen helped behind the scenes.

"(The girls) consider the pageant totally part of our Christmas tradition," said Olson, who has been the play's narrator for the past seven years. "The girls all started off as angels; Joanna graduated to a shepherd this year. The shepherds get to be on stage longer."

The pageant was told through Olson's narration, along with a dramatization of the night's events. The West Parish choir also sang carols, including *Angels We Have Heard On High, O Little Town of Bethlehem, Silent Night, Joy to the World and The Little Drummer Boy*.

According to the New Testament, Mary and Joseph arrived in Bethlehem after a long journey, only to find there was no room at the inn. The innkeeper instead offered the couple the stable, so they would have a roof over their heads and warmth from the animals. In the stable that night, the Virgin Mary gave birth to baby Jesus.

A brilliant star shone brightly over the manager that night, drawing people near and far to see the miracle, including angels, shepherds and three Wise Men.

"It's a tradition for us. It's also a community thing because the lion's share of the crowd are not members of our church," said Olson.

Blake Martin of Andover played the innkeeper and sons Eddy, 9, and Miller, 12, were shepherds. "They love it and they also like being with the animals," said the boys' mother Abby Martin. "They also like the soup and cookies at the fellowship hall afterwards."

This year's Littlest Angel was played by Kira Doherty of Andover. Her aunt, Lisa Gabriel of North Andover, came to see her niece reprise the role she played decades ago as a young Andover child attending West Parish Church. Last year, Doherty's parents, Stephanie and Phil Doherty, played the roles of Mary and Joseph, along with Kira's younger sister, Hailey, who was six months old at the time.

As West Parish Church's 27th Annual Outdoor Christmas Pageant begins at "The Arch," Mary and Joseph are making their way to the inn for the night.

The Littlest Angel gives a box containing her most cherished possessions to the Innkeeper during the Christmas pageant.

West Parish also has a tradition of its own – a fourth Wise Man named Artiban. Artiban is in the Bible, but not in traditional Christmas pageants. He is unable to catch up with the three Wise Men on their way to see Baby Jesus, but instead dedicates his life and fortune to helping others.

The annual pageant always takes place the Sunday before Christmas. Olson said this year's crowd, the largest in years, might be because this year's pageant was far from Christmas – a full week – as it possibly can be. This meant fewer people were in the grip of the "Oh, I've got too many things to do" craze of the season.

Ironstone Farm provided a Haflinger horse and two donkeys, named Toby and Bradley, for the occasion. It was the farm's 15th year of participating.

Andover residents Jim and Lucy McKain, along with children Emelie, 16, and Joseph, 13, brought their goats, Della, Bailey and Nina. The sheep were provided by Krochmal Farm in Tewksbury.

TOWN TALK

Mailing – not phoning – friends

Dean Eastman, the Andover contestant on *WHO WANTS TO BE A MILLIONAIRE*, capitalized on that TV fame for his holiday card. He appeared on the show earlier this month (and won $1,000) as part of the show's tribute to teachers. Eastman, a 35-year school veteran, teaches history at Beverly High School. He is pictured on his card (at right) with the six other educator contestants and, of course, host Meredith Vieria. His sense of humor shines through, as he added a Santa cap to the top of his bald head for the card.

– Judy Wakefield

Dean Eastman's holiday card. He is in the middle of the back row, wearing a Santa cap.

AYS is in the green

Some 1,200 trees were sold this season at the lot run by Andover Youth Services.

AYS Director Bill Fahey said in addition, 600 wreaths and 100 kissing balls were sold. Twenty to 30 volunteers staffed the lot which has been selling holiday decorations for the past couple of weeks. The lot closed yesterday, Wednesday, Dec. 21.

"There's been a holiday vibrance here," Fahey said. "So many people have come here to show their support of kids and it's great."

The Department of Public Works allowed volunteers to decorate wreaths at their makeshift office at Spring Grove Cemetery while tree buyers often slipped $20 tips to volunteers who carried a tree to a car. That money was added to the proceeds pool. Each tree cost between $40 and $50 and proceeds were being tallied at Andover *Townsman* presstime.

This was the third year for the tree-selling effort, which started out with youth selling about 350 trees. Fahey expects to run the lot again next year and he will order even more trees to be sold, he said.

– Judy Wakefield

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Catholic
St. Augustine Church
43 Essex St., Andover
978-475-0050
CHRISTMAS EVE: Mass, 4 p.m., 6 p.m. (with pageant), 8 p.m. (Youth Mass), 10:30 p.m. (Musical presentation by choir at 9:45 p.m.).
Mass in lower church, 4:05 p.m.
Mass at Merrimack College: 4:30 p.m. in Collegiate Church.
CHRISTMAS DAY: Mass, 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m.

St. Joseph's Church
22 High Vale Lane
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978-475-0050
CHRISTMAS EVE: Masses, 4 p.m. and 6 p.m.
CHRISTMAS DAY: Mass, 10 a.m.

St. Robert Bellarmine Church
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978-683-8922
CHRISTMAS EVE Masses: 4 p.m., Women's Choir; 6 p.m., Children's Choir; 11:15 p.m., Adult Choir concert and carol sing; midnight, Adult Choir.
CHRISTMAS DAY Mass: 10 a.m., Cantor and organ.

Congregational
Free Christian Church
31 Elm St., Andover
978-475-0700
CHRISTMAS EVE: Services, 4 p.m., featuring the children's choir; 6 p.m., featuring the Free Church Choir; 8 p.m., featuring special music and communion; 11 p.m., Common Ground Candlelight Service with communion.
CHRISTMAS DAY: 10 a.m., 11:30 a.m.

FAX CHURCH NEWS: 978-470-2819

Episcopal
Christ Church
25 Central St., Andover
978-475-0529
CHRISTMAS EVE: 4:30 p.m., Holy Eucharist with pageant; 7:30 p.m., Festival Holy Eucharist; 10 p.m., Festival Holy Eucharist.
CHRISTMAS DAY: 10 a.m., Holy Eucharist.

Interdenominational
New England Bible Church
60 Chandler Road, Andover
978-475-4381
CHRISTMAS EVE: 7 p.m., "Come for a night filled with music and a heartwarming story about the meaning of Christmas."
CHRISTMAS DAY: 10 a.m., "Celebrate the Savior's birth with traditional carols and a special Christmas message from senior pastor Chip Thompson."

Lutheran
Faith Lutheran Church
360 S. Main St., Andover
978-475-4059
CHRISTMAS EVE: All services will include Holy Communion, traditional carols, candlelight hymn. 2:30 p.m., will also include Message for Children, Children's Choir; 4 p.m., will also include Message for Children, Children's Choir; 5:30 p.m., will also include Message for Children; 7:30 p.m., will feature Faith's Christmas Choir; 10 p.m., Traditional Service.

Unitarian Universalist
Unitarian Universalist
Congregation in Andover
6 Locke St., Andover
978-475-4454
CHRISTMAS EVE: 7 p.m., Interfaith Intergenerational Candlelight service. Organizers said, "Join us afterward for holiday cheer."
DEC. 25: 10:30 a.m., Intergenerational Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa celebration.

United Church of Christ
South Church
41 Central St., Andover
978-475-0321
CHRISTMAS EVE: 3 p.m., Candlelight Service, Lessons & Carols, solos & ensembles; 5 p.m., Family Service/Pageant, Lessons & Carols, Youth Choirs; 11 p.m., Candlelight service, harp, Lessons & Carols, Sanctuary Choir, with Christmas Prelude at 10:40 p.m.
CHRISTMAS DAY: 10:30 a.m., Worship, carols (no Sunday School).

West Parish Church
129 Reservation Road
Andover
978-475-3528
CHRISTMAS EVE: 5 p.m., Family Christmas Eve Service; 11 p.m., Candlelight Service; the Christmas Eve services celebrate Christmas with carols and readings. The public is invited to join with the church in these special services.
CHRISTMAS DAY: 10 a.m.

United Methodist
Ballardvale United Church
(United Methodist and
United Church of Christ)
23 Clark Road, Andover
978-475-2506
CHRISTMAS EVE: 5 p.m., Community Christmas Eve Service, a service of candlelight and carols, family friendly; wheelchair accessible through the Hall Ave. side entrance.
CHRISTMAS DAY: 10:30 a.m., Come As You Are Christmas.

ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

100 Years Ago – 1905

H. S. Deming won the prize for excellence in elocution at Harvard. When a student in Andover, Deming took a prominent place in literary and debating circles.

Frank Gooswin picked up an old-fashioned cent in the square one day this week, the date of which was 1815. The cent is of the old make and is as large as a quarter.

By the will of Mrs. Coburn, filed last week, Andover is to receive the splendid aid to various interests of more than $100,000. Not only in amount but in the careful discrimination shown in the giving, this is one of the largest benefactions ever given to Andover.

Phillips Academy will close on next Wednesday for the annual Christmas vacation of two weeks and will open again on Thursday, Jan. 4, for the winter term.

Owls seem to have become numerous throughout the town. On Wednesday night, a fine one was shot by an enthusiastic sportsman.

Mr. William Mackenzie and Mrs. Gorrie sail from Boston next Tuesday for Dundee, Scotland, to spend the New Year with family and friends.

The trustees of the Andover Savings Bank declared a semi-annual dividend of 2 percent, payable on the third Wednesday of this month, at a meeting held on Tuesday night.

The annual Christmas entertainment given by the Sunday school of the Free Church will be held next Friday evening. The entertainment will be followed by the regular distribution of candy and oranges.

This morning the thermometer registered lower than on any other morning this winter. At Frye Village, which is probably the coldest part of Andover, it ranged all the way from four to 10 below zero.

On Tuesday evening in the vestry of West Church, a musical was held under the direction of Miss Grace Burtt, who is chairman of the music committee of the Christmas Endeavor Society. There was fair attendance and the various musical selections were enjoyed by all. The highlight of the event was a banjo solo performed by Winthrop Boutwell.

The 11th annual competition for the Goldsmith Prizes will be held this evening in Punchard Hall at 8 p.m. There will be eight competitors – two from each of the classes – and the pieces are quotations from famous writers.

The first snow came on Saturday night and Sunday. The storm started in shortly before midnight on Saturday, but did not reach its height until the early hours of Sunday morning and it increased as the morning hours wore on. The snow stopped at 1 o'clock on Sunday afternoon.

The fair that was opened in the Town Hall under the auspices of St. Augustine Church last Tuesday evening came to a close on Saturday evening with a record-breaking crowd in attendance. All were anxious to see if they had won any of the many prizes which had been given by generous friends and members of the church. The prize drawing began at 9:30 p.m. and continued until 11 p.m. Some of the prizes awarded to lucky winners were a copper boiler, a mandolin, a pin cushion, a bedspread, a rocker, a barrel of flour, a pair of trousers, and an umbrella.

An effort is being made among the men of St. Augustine Church to form a branch order of the Knights of Columbus in town. The first meeting for this purpose was held in the club rooms of the Young Men's Catholic Temperance Association on Monday evening. There were about 30 present.

The attendance at the Girls Club for the season was 1,460, with a weekly average of 47.

Thursday afternoon in Free Church vestry, the Lady's Benevolent society held one of its regular sewing meetings.

75 Years Ago – 1930

The many friends of J. Everett Collins, Andover's well-known baritone, enjoyed listening on Wednesday afternoon to his first broadcast for station WEEI on the musical prelude to the address by radio pastor, Rev. Edgar J. Sherman.

Members of the Punchard football team and other persons were guests at a turkey supper given last evening by the girls of the domestic sciences, under the direction of Miss Margaret Hinchcliffe.

Handel's *Messiah* will be given its first performance here by the Andover Choral Society, which is also making its initial appearance, tonight at 8 in George Washington Hall. Proceeds of the concert, after expenses, will be donated to charity. J. Everett Collins is director of the choral group.

– Compiled by WHAT'S UP contributor Courtney Fiske

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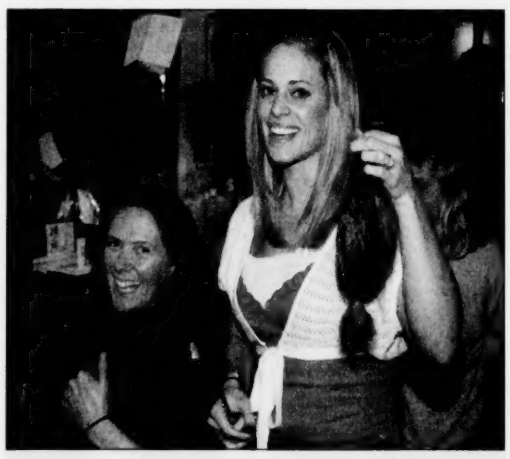

PHOTO BY KRISTEN HUNT

Alice O'Leary (left) of Winchester donated her hair to Locks for Love on Sunday night, Dec. 11 at Indra Aveda Concept Salon in Andover. Carolyn Spengler had the honors to cut it off. In addition, the night was filled with excitement, event organizers said, as the salon donated all the money from services and tips to charity. More than $1,000 was donated to the local effort to build the proposed youth center, and the same amount was donated to a foster-care mother in Lowell. Plenty of toys were donated to Toys For Tots, organizers said.

COURTESY PHOTO

Shannon Callahan, 11, of 6 David Drive, a student at West Middle School, just had her hair cut for Locks of Love. The charitable organization requires 10 inches of hair in a ponytail and it takes between 6 to 8 ponytails to make a wig. Shannon donated almost 14 inches of hair. She had her hair cut by Erica at Phillip Ciampa salon in Andover. Shannon has wanted to do this "for some time," according to her mom, but "thought Christmas time would be a wonderful way for her to do something special for those in need."

OBITUARIES

Peter Q. McKee

Teacher, administrator and coach at Phillips; coached student G.W. Bush in JV football

Peter Q. McKee, 82, a retired teacher and former associate headmaster of Phillips Academy, died Wednesday, Dec. 14 at the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, N.H., following complications from a heart attack suffered earlier in the month.

Peter Q. McKee

He was a resident of New London, N.H., and owned a home in the Lake Sunapee area for nearly 30 years.

For 42 years, McKee, along with his wife Jean, was a familiar presence on the Andover campus. Originally hired in 1947 as a physics teacher by Headmaster Claude Fuess, Mr. McKee spent four decades serving Fuess and three subsequent headmasters in various capacities.

In addition to physics, he taught math, chemistry, general science and astronomy. At various times he also served as a coach for football, tennis, skiing and ski-jumping.

Mr. McKee held several different administrative roles during his years at Andover, including those of house counselor, dean of students, dean of faculty, chair of the science department and associate headmaster. He also served as acting headmaster from January 1989 until his retirement in August 1989.

In an article written in the *Andover Bulletin* upon Mr. McKee's retirement, Jack Richards, a colleague, said, "One would expect that, with so many varied challenges, Peter might not be able to maintain his excellence as a classroom teacher, but the annual rave reviews from his students attest that, among his many talents, teaching is supreme."

As a testament to the esteem in which he was held by those who knew him, the Andover class of 1955 dedicated its class scholarship to Mr. McKee and his wife during its 40th reunion in 1995. Among the many students who came under his tutelage was a young George W. Bush, whom he coached in JV football.

As busy as he was with his responsibilities at Phillips, Mr. McKee was an equally active member of outside organizations. He is a former trustee and chairman of the board of the Pike School, a former vestryman of Christ Church, and a former governor of the North Andover Country Club.

He also was a trustee of the Hurricane Island (Maine) Outward Bound School.

Upon his retirement, Mr. McKee became equally active in organizations in the Lake Sunapee area. He was a trustee of New London Hospital, a board member of the Sunapee Art Club, and one of the founding members of Adventures in Learning, an adult education group in New London affiliated with Colby-Sawyer College. He served two terms as president of that group and also taught courses.

When not working, Mr. McKee was an avid sportsman who loved to ski, golf, and play tennis with his wife, children, and grandchildren. According to his wife, he also spent four years working on a physics book that, in the end, his publisher concluded was too hard for anyone to read.

"There are a few people who have copies," Mrs. McKee chuckled. "But it kept him happy for four years."

Born in Peterborough, N.H., on Nov. 24, 1923, Mr. McKee graduated from Holderness School High School in 1941. He earned an AB degree in physics from Middlebury College in 1947, and an MEd degree in 1954 from Harvard University. From 1942-45, he served as a B-24 pilot in the US Army Air Corps, and flew 50 missions in the European theater during WWII.

In addition to his wife, family members include a son, Peter Q. McKee Jr.; two daughters, Cynthia McKee Scott and Patricia McKee Halsey; a brother, James E. McKee Jr.; a sister, Grace M. Verbeck; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held in the spring and Mr. McKee will be buried in the chapel cemetery on the grounds of Phillips Academy.

Memorial contributions may be sent to the Lake Sunapee Visiting Nurse Association or the New London Hospital.

John N. Rose

Punchard grad, heavy equipment mechanic

John N. Rose, 70, of Methuen, died Saturday, Dec. 17, at Caritas Holy Family Hospital.

Born in Methuen, where he was a longtime resident, he was a graduate of Punchard High School in Andover.

He served in the US Army and was honorably discharged.

He was a heavy equipment mechanic and worked for Rowley Redi Mix.

He was a member of the Haverhill VFW, the Methuen Rod and Gun Club and the Local 4 Union.

Members of his family include his wife of 48 years, Susan J. (Wrenn) Rose of Methuen; two daughters, Margaret A. Sutton of Haverhill, and Linda S. Tabor of Methuen; one son, John J. Rose, also of Methuen; one brother, Robert D. Rose of North Reading; two grandchildren; and several cousins, nieces and nephews.

Family and friends may call today, Thursday, Dec. 22 from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at Pollard Funeral Home, Inc., 233 Lawrence St., Methuen.

Funeral services will follow at 11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be private.

Gail C. Dispensa

Co-founded St. Robert's Country Day School

Gail C. (Leary) Dispensa, 69, beloved wife of Martin Dispensa, of Andover, formerly Lawrence, died Sunday, Dec. 18, at Sunny Acres Nursing Home in Chelmsford.

She was born in Lowell, a daughter of the late Solon and Alice (McFadden) Leary.

Mrs. Dispensa was a graduate of the Sacred Heart Grammar School, class of 1950; Keith Hall High School, class of 1954, and Lowell Teachers College, class of 1958.

She taught in Wilmington grammar schools from 1958 until 1962. Mrs. Dispensa later co-founded St. Robert's Country Day School in Andover, where she taught from 1969 until 1992.

Family members said she loved teaching and all outdoor activities, especially gardening, mountain climbing, backpack camping, canoe camping and cross country skiing.

She and her husband, Martin, were very active parishioners at St. Robert Bellarmine Church for more than 40 years. Mrs. Dispensa was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease in 1992 and spent the last five years of her life with the care of the staff of Sunny Acres Nursing Home in Chelmsford.

In addition to her husband, members of her family include a daughter and son-in-law, Maura J. and James Nicholson of Dracut; a son and daughter-in-law, Matt M. and Catherine Dispensa of Hudson, N.H.; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Maureen and Francis O'Hara of Lowell, and Judith and Vernon Oliver of Vineyard Haven; a brother and sister-in-law, Bryan and Daryl Leary of Chelmsford; five grandsons; as well as many nieces, nephews and dear friends.

Her funeral will take place today, Thursday, Dec. 22 at 8:30 a.m. from Fay McCabe Funeral Home, 105 Moore St., Lowell, followed by a funeral Mass at 10 a.m. at St. Robert Bellarmine Church, 198 Haggetts Pond Road, Andover.

Calling hours were scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 21 from 2 to 4 and from 7 to 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in St. Mary Cemetery, Tewksbury.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Andover Country Day School, 198 Haggetts Pond Road, Andover, 01810.

Irene E. Karabelas

Realtor and developer

Irene E. Karabelas, 81, of Andover and formerly of Peabody, died early Monday morning, Dec. 19 at Lawrence General Hospital, following a brief illness.

Born in Peabody, she was the daughter of the late Nicholas and Athena (Manitakos) Karabelas.

She was raised and educated in Peabody and spent most of her adult life living in Andover.

She was a realtor and real estate developer in the Billerica area for many years before her retirement.

She loved the outdoors and outdoor sports, and enjoyed skiing and ice skating.

Members of her family include her two sisters, Doris Stavropulos of West Roxbury and Portia Karabelas in Peabody; a niece; two nephews; and many grandnieces and nephews.

She was the sister of the late Louis, James, Charles "Dino," and Mary Karabelas.

Her funeral service will be held today, Thursday, Dec. 22 at 9:30 a.m. at Conway, Cahill-Brodeur Funeral Home, 20 Church St., Peabody.

Visiting hours were scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 21 from 5 until 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Salem.

Agnes M. Walker

Formerly of South Boston

Agnes M. (Byrne) Walker, of Andover and formerly of South Boston, died Friday, Dec. 16.

She was the beloved wife of the late Charles M. Walker.

Members of her family include her children, Evelyn Walker of Derry, N.H., and Jesse Walker and his wife Sabine of California; brother, Edward Byrne of Georgia; three grandchildren; a great-granddaughter; and many nieces and nephews.

Arrangements were by the O'Brien Funeral Home, 146 Dorchester St., South Boston.

Rose Belisle Lemelin

Worked at Tyer Rubber

Rose (Plante) Belisle Lemelin, 94, of Tewksbury, died Thursday, Dec. 15, at Wingate at Andover.

Born in St. Sophie, Canada, she lived in Lawrence for many years, and had lived in Tewksbury for the past 40 years.

She was a member of St. Williams Parish, Tewksbury, and had worked at the former Tyer Rubber Co., Andover.

She was the widow of Romeo Belisle and Elzeard Lemelin, and the mother of the late Richard Belisle and Claire Page.

Family members include her son-in-law, Roland Page, with whom she lived, of Tewksbury; daughter-in-law, Janice Belisle of Portsmouth, R.I.; two sisters, Bernie McIntosh of Lawrence, and Antoinette LeBoeuf of Derry, N.H.; four stepsons, Robert Lemelin and Gerard Lemelin, both of Tewksbury, and Eddie Lemelin and Roger Lemelin, both of Springfield; five stepdaughters, Doris Clermont of Tewksbury, Rose Nadeau of Derry, N.H., Claire Hamel of Palmer, and Lorraine Leveque and Theresa Doherty, both of Lowell; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were by the Arthur J. Scott Funeral Home, 298 South Broadway, Lawrence.

Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of one's choice.

Olive Hatem

Was self-employed tax preparer

Olive (Shiepe) Hatem, 85, of Andover, formerly of Lawrence, died Friday, Dec. 16, at the Wingate Nursing Home in Andover.

Mrs. Hatem was born in Lawrence, on July 5, 1920, the daughter of the late Salem Shiepe and Nazira Basha.

She was a graduate in 1938 from Lawrence High School. She later graduated in 1941 from McIntosh Business School, and took classes at H&R Block and the Lawrence Adult Computer Science School.

She was a member of St. Joseph's Melkite Catholic Church in Lawrence.

Mrs. Hatem was a co-coordinator of Saint Joseph's Publican/Chaplet Prayer Society, upon the request of the Bishop John Elya of Saint Basil's Seminary. This prayer group brought together women from these parishes: Saint Joseph's Melkite Church, Saint Anthony's Maronite Church and Saint Georges Orthodox Church of the Greater Lawrence area.

Women came to her home once a month to pray the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy. She also formed a group from the women's prayer group to crochet blankets for the children with AIDS in the United States and Central America.

She was self-employed with the Alphonse T. Hatem Tax Service.

She also worked for various employers throughout her life: Shiepe's Curtain Shop, Supreme Cleaners Inc., and H&R Block. Mrs. Hatem also co-taught CCD with her late husband, Alphonse, for 25 years. Together, they also took in children from St. Anne's Orphanage in Methuen. She was a former Girl Scout leader at Saint Mary's Church in 1945. She professed the Third Order St. Francis of Assisi Sister Mary St. Theresa 1959.

Members of her family include a son, Theodore S. Shiepe Sr. and his wife Dolly A. (Hikel) Shiepe of Salem, N.H.; daughters, Marjorie Shiepe Sardella and her husband Dr. Dennis Sardella of Franklin, and Margaret Johnson of Arlington; seven grandchildren; cousin, Elizabeth "Betty" Basha of Methuen; 15 great-grandchildren; several nieces, nephews, and cousins; and many extended family members and friends.

Arrangements were by John Breen Funeral Home, 122 Amesbury St., Lawrence.

Loretta L. Murphy

Was nursing home food service director

Loretta L. Murphy, 90, of Andover, formerly of Haverhill, died on Saturday, Dec. 17 at Academy Manor Nursing Home, Andover.

Mrs. Murphy was born in Haverhill on May 20, 1915, the daughter of the late Gilbert T. and Louise M. (Essel) Murphy. She was educated in the St. James School, Haverhill, and was a graduate of St. James High School.

She had been a resident of Andover since 1975, and previously lived in Haverhill.

She was the food service director at the Rockingham County Nursing Home, Brentwood, N.H., from 1972 until her retirement on Oct. 7, 1986. Previously, she had worked for Haverhill shoe manufacturing firms, and during World War II she had been employed in defense work.

Members of her family include her daughter, Dorothea A. Murphy of Andover; her brother, Robert G. Murphy and his wife Jane Murphy of Port Orange, Fla; nine nieces; five nephews; and several grand-nieces and grand-nephews.

She was the sister of the late Gilbert T. Murphy Jr., Donald L. Murphy, and Arlene (Murphy) Sturtevant.

Memorial contributions may be made to the William F. Sturtevant Memorial Fund, Rockingham County Nursing Home, 117 North Road, Brentwood, NH 03833.

Arrangements were by the C. Frank Linnehan & Son Funeral Home, 129 Kenoza Ave., Haverhill.

Charles Vartabedian

Owned farm in West Andover

Charles Vartabedian, 74, of Andover, died Tuesday, Dec. 20, at Caritas Holy Family Hospital.

He was the son of the late Joseph Vartabedian and his wife Bayzar (Kasabian) Vartabedian.

Mr. Vartabedian was born in Andover and educated in the Andover school system.

He owned and operated Vartabedian Farm in West Andover for more than 33 years.

He was also the owner and operator of a school bus, transporting many Andover school children. He also worked at Barron's Country Store in Andover for many years.

Family members said he enjoyed traveling and visited Hawaii, Las Vegas and Florida. He also cruised through the Panama Canal.

Mr. Vartabedian was a lifelong parishioner of the Holy Cross Armenian Apostolic Church in Lawrence and a member of that church's Men's Club. He also held membership in the Farm Bureau Federation and the Market Growers Association.

Members of his family include his brothers, Al Vartabedian of Andover, and Jack Vartabedian of Dracut; sisters, Mary A. Mooradian of Haverhill and Alice Randazzo of New Windsor, N.Y.; and several nieces and nephews.

He is also survived by close friend and neighbor Douglas C. Barron.

A funeral service will be held tomorrow, Friday, Dec. 23 at 11 a.m. at the Holy Cross Armenian Apostolic Church in Lawrence, followed by burial in West Parish Cemetery, Andover.

Friends may call today, Thursday, Dec. 22 from 3 to 7 p.m. at Farrah Funeral Home, 170 Lawrence St., Lawrence.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Holy Cross Armenian Apostolic Church, 54 E. Haverhill St., Lawrence, MA 01841.

Lydia R. Santagati

Retired Raytheon inspector

Lydia R. (Zazzo) Santagati died Monday, Dec. 19, in Andover.

Born in Trenton, N.Y., to James Zazzo and Concettina Tomaselli, Mrs. Santagati attended Holy Rosary School and Holy Rosary Church and was a member of Ladies Lodge of the Sons of Italy 2026.

She worked as a volunteer at both Mary Immaculate and the Prescott House Nursing Home for many years.

She was employed at William Barry Clothing and Grieco Brothers for several years. More recently, she was employed at Raytheon in Andover as an inspector for 16 years until her retirement.

She was the widow of Charles S. Santagati.

Members of her family include her daughter, Nina MacDonald and her husband Francis J. MacDonald of North Andover; three sons and their wives, Ronald S. Santagati and his wife Joan of Salem, N.H., Charles S. Santagati Jr. and his wife Elizabeth of Lowell, and Richard J. Santagati and his wife Marilyn of Andover; two sisters, Rita Pappalardo and her husband Joseph of Methuen, and Mary Kapitan and her husband John of Indiana; 13 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; one great-great-granddaughter; and several nieces and nephews.

She was also the sister of the late Joseph Zazzo.

A funeral Mass will be offered today, Thursday, Dec. 22 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Augustine's Church in Andover. Burial will follow in Bellevue Cemetery.

Calling hours were scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 21, from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Cataudella Funeral Home, 126 Pleasant Valley St., Methuen.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Charles S. and Lydia R. Santagati Scholarship, c/o Donor Relations, Merrimack College, North Andover, MA 01845.

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Lydia R. Santagati
Arthur S. Sarcione, 89
Charles Vartabedian, 74
Agnes M. Walker

DEATHS ELSEWHERE

SARCIONE — Arthur S. Sarcione, 89, of Lawrence, died Friday, Dec. 16, at his home surrounded by his family. Mr. Sarcione was employed at Raytheon in Andover as a senior stenciler. He worked in the paint shop department, identifying and marking parts and equipment and worked at Raytheon for over 25 years, retiring in 1981. He was an active member of the company's golf team.

OBITUARIES ARE SUPPLIED BY FUNERAL HOMES AND FAMILY MEMBERS

OBITUARIES

The *Townsman* will publish obituaries of Andover residents without charge.

The paper also will publish without charge a short announcement of those people who died and did not live here, but are related to someone who lives in Andover. This listing will include the name of the deceased, where he or she lived, when he or she died, and names of relatives in Andover.

Those who wish to have a complete obituary published about a person who did not live in Andover can pay for a death notice. The cost of a death notice depends on the length of the notice.

Questions? Call Jack Grady or Neil Fater at 978-475-7000.

FOR SENIORS

By Pat Becker
Andover Senior Center

Call the senior center at 978-623-8321 for further information about any classes, programs or services.

Winter Reminder: If you're in doubt about possible weather-related cancellations, call our information line for a recorded message about the day's events at 978-623-8377. For all other questions, call our main number at 978-623-8321.

Exercise Classes: The winter semester of exercise class is just getting underway. Classes are being offered in Tai Chi, women's strength training, low-impact aerobics, modified beginner and intermediate yoga, men's exercise, beginner and intermediate tap dancing, cardio circuit training, easy exercise and water workout. Drop by the center for more specific information on days, times and cost. The winter semester will run through Feb. 24.

Movie Matinee: Our next movie matinee will take place Monday, Jan. 9 when we will show the recent release *The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants*.

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Sports

AHS: Quick to heat up

Girls, boys basketball teams combine for a 7-0 season start

By Rick Harrison

It's scary how well these teams are playing.

The high school winter sports season is merely a week old and already several Andover High teams are being hailed by rival coaches as potential state title challengers.

Doing nothing to discourage such statements, AHS girls varsity basketball is off to a 4-0 start and has already won the Gardner Holiday Tournament championship.

Boys basketball is 3-0 including an impressive 66-63 triumph over perennial power Boston College High.

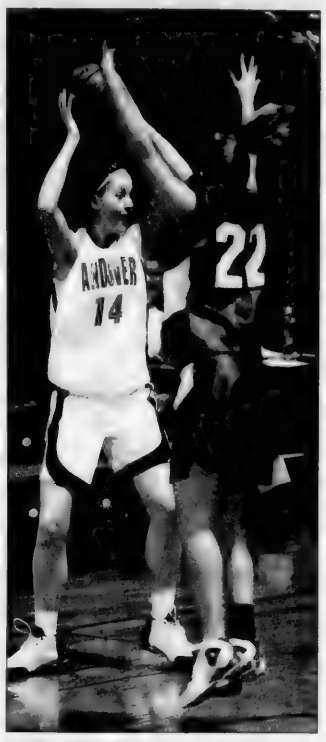
Girls hockey has beaten two former state champions, Dual County League powers Boston Latin, 3-1, and 2004 Division 2 titlist Westford Academy, 4-1.

Boys hockey also knocked off a reigning state champ, Boston Latin, by a lopsided 9-2 count.

Girls and boys track swept Billerica in their dual-meet openers and the boys swim and dive team rolled to a 28-point win over Burlington.

As the *Townsman* went to press, seven Andover varsity teams had opened their seasons and all were undefeated with a combined record of 14-0.

Junior forward Becky Cairns became the second AHS girls hockey player to reach the 100 career-point plateau, scoring five points in the Lady Warriors' first two games to boost her three-year totals to 37 goals and 63 assists.



Kelly O'Dea looks to pass around a Tewksbury defender.

BOYS BASKETBALL

The Andover High boys varsity hoopsters warmed up for the Greater Lawrence Christmas Tournament – an event they haven't won in awhile – with victories over highly-regarded Boston College High, 66-63, and Merrimack Valley Conference foe Dracut, 55-38.

Schedule

AHS, 3-0 overall, opens play in the Christmas Tournament next Monday, facing Methuen for the second time in 13 days.

The two teams battled in the season opener early last week with the Golden Warriors pulling out a hard-fought 68-58 win.

Andover 66
B.C. High 63

Greg Vetrano swished both ends of a 1-and-1 at the free throw line with 10 seconds left, making it 66-63, and Tyler Carroll rebounded a missed three-pointer by Jevon Robinson with six seconds remaining to seal this outstanding non-league win over BCH at the Dunn Gym.

"It was back and forth from beginning to end," said Golden Warriors' head coach Dave Fazio. "We'd make a terrific play and they'd make a terrific play. Then we'd make another play and they'd make another play. That's the way it went all night."

Thankfully for the locals, who trailed by a point at the half (37-36) for the second straight game, they made one more terrific play than the visiting Eaglets.

"Our guys fought hard the whole night," said Fazio. "BC was 6-foot-6 inside and bigger than us everywhere except at point guard – where Casey (Cosgrove) had their guy by an inch.

"In spite of that we held them to seven offensive rebounds. Bobby Hughes was awesome on the boards. He battled those big guys underneath at both ends of the floor. And Ian Dempsey also had some key rebounds – especially late in the game," said Fazio.

Vetrano contributed a highly-productive night, sharing game-high scoring honors with 26 points, which included five threes. He also contributed five assists and four steals.

Casey Cosgrove finished with 20 points, six assists and three steals.

Dempsey had a symmetrical seven points and seven boards, while sophomore forward Peter White added six points, sophomore forward Tristan Shannon three, senior guard Tyler Carroll two and Hughes two.

Hughes was chairman of the boards with 12 rebounds.

For B.C. High (1-1), which defeated Brockton in its season opener, Canisius recruit Robinson pumped through 26 points.

Andover hit 9-of-14 free throws and BCH 14-of-17.

Andover 55
Dracut 38

The Golden Warriors got an early breather as 10 players scored, and a 30-13 first-half lead was maintained throughout the final half.

Casey Cosgrove tossed in a game-high 14 points, Bobby Hughes knocked down 10 and Greg Vetrano had nine.

Peter White contributed six points, Tristan Shannon five and junior forward Gordon Dubois three.

Rounding out the attack with two points each were sophomore forward Chris Abreau, Tyler Carroll, Max Ball and Sam Ball (two free throws).

For Dracut, Andrew Graham pocketed 10 points and Kyle Doliver had nine points, four assists in the Middies' season opener.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Maggie Cosgrove was named the tourney MVP as Andover rolled to the Gardner Holiday Tournament championship, trimming Holy Name of Worcester 60-47 in the semifinals before blasting host Gardner 72-30 in the title game at Gardner High.

The locals also slammed Tewksbury 58-27 on Tuesday night at the Dunn Gym, improving to 4-0 overall and 2-0 in Merrimack Valley Conference play.

Three of the four wins have come by margins of 31 or more points as the Lady Warriors are toying with their opponents.

"The attitude is great and the confidence is growing with each game," said AHS head coach Jim Tildlsey. "We're so young. Six sophomores are getting a lot of playing time.

"I look out on the floor and see four sophs and a junior playing like five seniors. It's very encouraging – and I just hope we keep it up."

Schedule

The AHS girls are back in action tonight (Thursday) at the Dunn Gym against Haverhill (7:30 p.m. varsity).

The four-team Greater Lawrence Christmas Tournament is next Tuesday and Thursday at Salem, N.H. High, and the Lady Warriors open with a semifinal round game against host Salem on Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

Gardner Holiday Tournament
Semifinal
Andover 60
Holy Name 47

The Lady Warriors hit three quick three-pointers out of the gate, jumping to an 11-2 lead, and they were never headed thereafter while finishing the game with nine treys.

It was 33-20 at the half and the lead was as high as 21 points before an 8-0 closing run by Holy Name (1-1) got it back down to the final 13-point margin.

"We moved the ball well and our intensity was impressive," said coach Tildsley. "Holy Name is a very good team – with two Division 2 scholarship players headed to Merrimack and St. Anselm.

"They had a pair of 6-foot-1 girls but our four big kids – Kelly O'Dea, Amanda Fantini, Jen Merinder and Lauren Hughes – more than held their own.

"We had great weakside help on defense, (Laura) Renfro and (Maggie) Cosgrove applied pressure out front, and (Meghan) Thomann did a tremendous all-around job," said Tildsley.

"Thomann is playing tough, physical basketball and it's been contagious. I hope we keep it going."

Thomann led four Lady Warriors into double figures with a game-high 18 points. All five of her field goals came from behind the arc, and she added seven rebounds, two assists.

Cosgrove contributed an impressive near triple-double with 14 points, a career-high 10 assists and six boards.

Renfro pumped in 12 points and added four assists, three steals, while sophomore forward Amanda Fantini had a double-double with 10 points and a team-high 10 rebounds.

Lauren Hughes finished with six points, eight boards and Jen Merinder was also strong off the glass with five rebounds.

Leading the charge for Holy Name were Carlin Orawsky and Jaclyn Zywien with 15 and 12 points respectively.

Championship Game
Andover 72
Gardner 30

No contest.

It wasn't supposed to be quite this easy, but the champs solved Gardner's 1-2-2 zone by shooting over it and hitting most of their seven three-pointers early.

After the Wildcats took a 2-0 lead, Lauren Hughes scored off a fast break as Andover ripped off 21 straight points to build a 21-2 lead and 45-13 halftime advantage.

"We shot over 50 percent, had a ton of assists and 17 steals," said coach Tildsley. "I really like our intensity and defensive pressure. We're shutting off the passing lanes and getting deflections that lead to turnovers."

A dozen Andover players contributed to the scoring, led by MVP Cosgrove with a game-high 20 points and Coaches Award winner Meghan Thomann with 12 on four treys. Thomann also had seven rebounds.

Lauren Hughes tossed in eight points while Jen Merinder, Laura Renfro and Amanda Fantini had five each.

Hughes also produced seven rebounds, four assists and three steals. Merinder corralled six boards, Renfro had five assists, five steals and Fantini seven rebounds.

"Jen Merinder did a terrific job coming off the bench. She really understands her role," said Tildsley.

Sophomore Camille Fantini and junior guard Sarah LoMedico netted four points apiece, and Fantini added to the symmetry of her effort with four rebounds and four steals.

Ilana Cohen sank a three and solo field goals were contributed by Kasey O'Dea (six assists), Kelly O'Dea and sophomore guard Kelly Driscoll.

Gardner fell to 2-1 with the loss.

Andover 58
Tewksbury 27

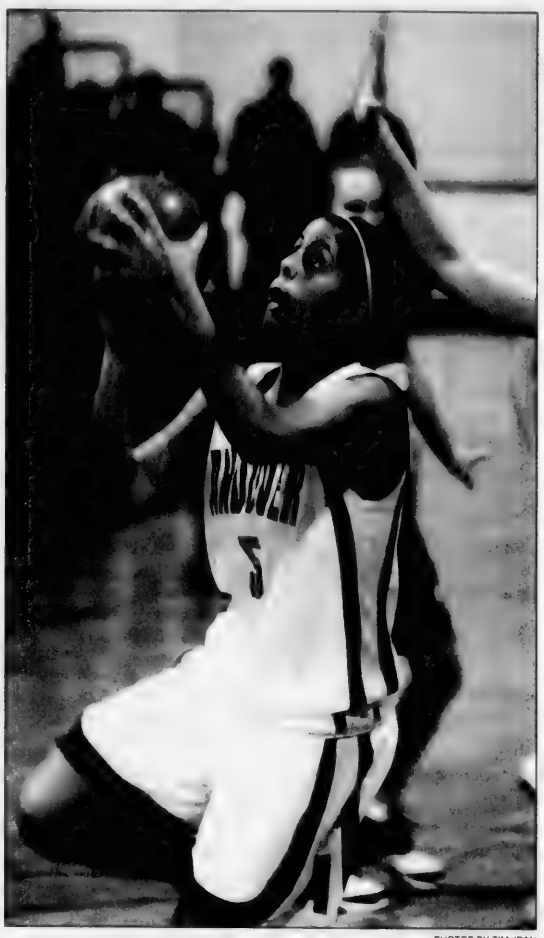
Although the Lady Warriors didn't shoot well from the floor (35 percent), they forced 27 Tewksbury turnovers (only nine for AHS) and continued to play outstanding defense.

The locals led 19-6 midway through the first half, following a Maggie Cosgrove basket, increased it to 25-8 with five minutes left and held a 31-14 advantage at the break.

Another 19-6 run at the start of the second half made it 50-20 before the reserves took over for the final 10 minutes.

"We ran the ball well and had more strong efforts off the bench from Jen Merinder, Amanda Fantini and several others," said coach Tildsley.

Meghan Thomann (8 points) tries to drive to the net against Tewksbury.



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Amanda Fantini jumps up for two of her six points against Tewksbury. Andover easily flattened Tewksbury, 58-27.

Cosgrove and Lauren Hughes led nine Andover players into the scoring column with 12 points each, while Hughes also finished with a team-high 11 rebounds and three steals.

Merinder contributed nine points, seven boards and a blocked shot.

Meghan Thomann added eight points, six steals, three assists and Amanda Fantini six points, eight rebounds.

Kelly O'Dea netted five points, Camille Fantini three points, four steals, three assists and Kasey O'Dea a basket and five assists.

Laura Renfro had a free throw, five steals and four assists.

Nine players scored for Tewksbury – none in double figures – as Sarah Boudreau was high with six points. Kristen Smolinsky and Caitlin Goffman added four each.

Player of the Fortnight award

Again this season, Baystate Financial Services of Andover will sponsor regular awards to outstanding players on the Andover High School girls and boys varsity basketball teams throughout the 2005-06 season, according to Ronald R. Hill, the firm's local representative.

"As Baystate Financial Services has for several years during the very successful boys and girls varsity seasons, we would like to acknowledge overall excellent performance by players on these two fine teams," Hill said.

"Coaches Jim Tildsley (girls) and Dave Fazio (boys) will nominate the players, and a trophy will be awarded to them at regular points throughout the season. The awards will be given for particularly notable contributions to the success of the team," Hill said.

Called the Baystate Financial Services Varsity Basketball Player of the Fortnight, the award will be given to a girl player one week, and a boy player the next, so that they will alternate throughout the season.

This season's first two recipients of the Player of the Fortnight award are Kelly O'Dea and Bobby Hughes.

Coach Tildsley praises Kelly's very fine overall team leadership as captain this season.

"Kelly always sets an excellent example for our younger players, she works very hard in practice, and she's off to a good start this season on the court. We're looking forward to a great season from Kelly. I have a lot of confidence in her," says coach Tildsley.

Bobby Hughes was cited by coach Fazio for his strong overall contributions to the team thus far this season.

"Bobby exemplifies the concept of great leadership. He's so important to our team. He's one of the best rebounders in Eastern Massachusetts, and his hard work and positive attitude will be important contributions for us."

The next Player of the Fortnight award, to a girls varsity player, will be made next week.

BOYS ICE HOCKEY

There were nine goal-scorers as the well-balanced Andover High boys varsity hockey team kicked things off with a 9-2 romp over reigning Merrimack Valley/Dual County League Division 2 and State Division 2 champ Boston Latin at Northeastern University's Matthews Arena.

Schedule

AHS returned to the ice last night (Wednesday), after *Townsman* presstime, with an MV/DCL crossover game against reigning Division 3 league champ Dracut (17-5, 9-1 MV/DCL last year) at the Janas Rink in Lowell.

Dracut (1-1) opened this season with a 5-3 loss to Haverhill before slamming Newton South, 9-2.

The Golden Warriors play the first of three games in the Salem, N.H. ICenter Christmas Tournament next Wednesday night.

Joe Benedix

Senior forward Benedix, whose name was inadvertently omitted from last week's preview, is off to a strong start as he scored three points in the opening win over Boston Latin.

Three-year veteran Benedix finished last season with six goals and seven assists, and he also had 1-3-4 points as a sophomore.

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AHS ROUNDUP

■ BOYS ICE HOCKEY

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Andover 9
Boston Latin 2

Andover jumped ahead 4-1 in the first six minutes of the game, and broke it open with four more goals in the third period.

The nine goals equaled the locals' top output last season, when they pounded out a 9-5 win over Danvers in the championship game of the Haverhill Christmas Tournament.

Pumping in first-period goals were junior defenseman Dan Godefroi (3:13), senior forward Joe Benedix (5:23), sophomore forward John Hyslip (5:34) and Capt. A.J. Drivas (6:00).

The four goals were netted in a span of 2:47 – with the final three a mere 37 seconds apart.

Nick Bickerton put the Wolfpack on the board, and second-period goals were exchanged with Andover's Austin Gilbert (10:17) connecting to make it 5-2 after 30 minutes.

The Golden Warriors added four unanswered tallies in the final stanza, starting with junior forward Colin Brennan's unassisted, short-handed goal at 1:45.

Junior defenseman Greg Carroll notched the game's lone power play goal at 5:11, Capt. Matt Colby scored at 10:43 and Phil Kim added the final goal at 13:14.

Junior forward Tucker Mullin passed out three assists, while Benedix and Colby contribted two setups each.

Adding one assist apiece were junior defenseman Andrew Gatti, Capt. Mike LaMagna, Brennan, Carroll, Drivas and Kim.

Junior Malden Catholic transfer Dan Abreau made 12 saves in the AHS net, as the locals outshot Latin in each period and finished with a wide 37-14 edge including 13-2 in the first session.

"We used our biggest asset – speed – against Latin," said coach Mario Martiniello. "We came out skating and wore them down quickly. It was a solid game all around for us."

GIRLS ICE HOCKEY

The Andover High girls varsity hockey team opened the season with back-to-back wins over highly-regarded opponents, riding the strong goaltending of Christina Cahill and the offensive exploits of Becky Cairns and Maria Nasta to a 3-1 victory over Boston Latin and a 4-1 triumph against Westford Academy.

Cahill stopped 47 of 49 shots in two games – and the proven 1-2 punch of 100-point trailblazers Cairns and Nasta combined for five of the team's seven goals.

Schedule

AHS returned to the ice last night (Wednesday), after *Townsman* presstime, with another potentially-stressful game at Waltham.

The pre-Christmas schedule wraps up tomorrow (Friday) afternoon with a game at Wellesley against the team that nipped the Lady Warriors in the state semifinals two years ago.

Andover 3
Boston Latin 1

Junior forward Becky Cairns scored the first and last goals, and set up the second, while junior goaltender Christina Cahill was on fire with 32 saves as the Lady Warriors opened with a huge win over Division 1 Latin at Phillips Academy's Harrison Rink.

"It was an impressive performance by our girls," said head coach Bill McCarthy. "They really stepped up their play and never let down.

"Cahill played out of her mind in net. She was in complete control – totally focused – and didn't allow any rebounds.

"If there was a first-star award Christina would have gotten it hands down."

Cairns opened the scoring at 6:36 of the first period, converting on a scripted faceoff play. Maria Nasta won the draw and got the puck to Alison Burns, who fed Cairns for a quick shot that eluded Wolfpack goalie Siobhan Elvin.

Latin's Samantha Morrissey tied it 1-1 at 10:22 to put the lone blemish on Cahill's otherwise perfect performance.

The score remained deadlocked until there were only 48 seconds left in the middle period, with Samantha Monson pocketing the eventual game-winner off an assist by Cairns.

"Between periods we talked about crashing the net more – and this goal was a direct product of that discussion," said McCarthy. "Becky threw the puck at the net and Sam was in the right place at the right time."

Cairns notched the insurance goal on the power play at 8:40 of the final stanza, with the setups to Nasta and Becky Johnson.

Junior defenseman Johnson, stationed at the point, passed the puck to Nasta who took it behind the net. Cairns broke in and received a perfect feed from Nasta.

"With teams keying on Nasta it should create even more opportunities for Becky," said McCarthy.

Andover's checking line, with Heather Paonessa, Katie Shields, Sam Weinberg and and Monson alternating, played well and allowed Nasta, Cairns and Burns to take a few more breathers.

"That's going to be a big key for us this season – how well the second line plays," said McCarthy.

Latin goaltender Elvin finished with 14 saves as the Wolfpack outshot Andover, 33-17.

This was the third straight AHS win over Latin (2-1 and 5-4 last year).

Andover 4
Westford Academy 1

In the first road game of the season, at the Groton School Rink, AHS handled the Grey Ghosts who won the State Division 2 title in 2004 and went to the state final last winter before bowing to St. Mary's High of Lynn.

"I thought we played a little flat the first two periods – and then stepped it up quite a bit in the third," said coach McCarthy. "We did take it to them over several stretches, finishing with 29 shots, but their goaltender (Elisa LaRoche) is outstanding."

Maria Nasta gave AHS a 1-0 lead at 13:13 of the first period with assists to Alison Burns and Tricia Martin.

Martin fed a breakout pass to Burns – who in turn hit Nasta flying through the neutral zone. Nasta eluded three WA defenders before sweeping the puck past LaRoche.

A fine individual effort down low led to Andover's second goal, an unassisted tally by Cairns 94 seconds into the middle period.

Westford battled back less than one minute later (2:25) on a goal by Jen Hand.

Cairns' 100th career point came when she set up Nasta's second goal of the game at 6:53 of the third session.

Nasta took the puck behind the net and tucked it into a corner as she circled back out front.

There was no PA announcer at the game, but the puck was retrieved and presented to Cairns.

"Becky is happy to get the milestone behind her," said McCarthy. "With that pressure out of the way – things should run a little smoother for Becky."

The final goal at 11:55 was the first of what hopefully will be many over the next four years for freshman forward Katie Shields. She punched in a rebound with assists to Assistant Capt. Ally Brown and Nasta.

Christina Cahill finished with 15 saves and Westford's LaRoche made 25 stops as Andover held a 29-16 shooting edge.

Freshman forward Heather Paonessa received the Lady Warriors "Raging Bull Award," which is given out after every win.

"It's something we've been doing for five years," said McCarthy. "It goes to the player who embodies intensity, grit and 100 percent effort."

The recipient has her name engraved on a big plaque – which stays in McCarthy's home. The special plaque has a toy bull's head at the top.

BOYS SWIM & DIVE

Finishing first in 10 of 12 events, and sweeping the top three places in four, the Andover High boys swim and dive team opened the season with a resounding 103-75 non-league dual-meet triumph over host Burlington High at the Shawsheen Tech pool.

"We have a number of kids who have already surpassed their best times of a year ago," said AHS coach Mark Taffe. "And the freshman class looks very promising."

A second non-league meet, scheduled for this past Tuesday against Winchester, was cancelled and will not be made up.

Schedule

The Golden Warriors are back in the water this afternoon (3:30) as they host Lowell in the Merrimack Valley Conference opener at the Greater Lawrence Vo-Tech pool.

Andover 103
Burlington 75

Sophomores Christian Bishop and Luke Delissio led the way as both notched an individual event win and anchored a victorious relay team.

Bishop touched first in the 200 IM (2:19.11) and joined freshmen Devon Mullen, Albert Park and sophomore Peter Li on the first-place 400 free relay (4:02.58).

Delissio won the 50 free sprint (25.87), anchored the top 200 medley relay and also swam a leg on the first-place 200 free relay.

Rounding out the medley foursome were freshmen Mike Bakies, Nick D'Innocenzo and Yabo Liu (1:57.26), while others on the 200 free squad were sophomores Andrew Janetti, Zach Hamer and Tom Demers (1:53.23).

Other individual victors for AHS were Li (100 butterfly, 1:07.90), Rob Medaglio in the 500 free (sectional-cut 5:30.53), D'Innocenzo in the 100 backstroke (state-cut 59.88), Hamer in the 100 breaststroke (1:13.12) and one-meter diver Joe Savoca with a sectional-cut 167.20 points.

The sweeps were achieved in the 200 IM, 500 free, 100 back and 100 breast.

Hamer (2:23.53) and Liu (2:26.13) were 2-3 in the IM. Demers (6:17.23) and Bakies (6:27.76) second-third in the 500, sophomore Peter Saunders (1:04.54) and Liu (1:09.08) in the 100 back, sophomore Tim Russell (1:13.40) and Kevin O'Donnell (1:20.27) in the 100 breast.

Other runners-up included senior Capt. Mike Stewart (200 free, 2:21.82) and Park (100 free, 1:01.29).

Second-place relays were 200 medleyers Medaglio, Russell, Demers and senior Pat Delacoste (2:05.03), and the 200 free quartet of Ferguson, Delacoste, Savoca and Stewart (1:53.62).

Also third were Janetti (200 free, 2:21.84), Ferguson (50 free, 27.94) and Mullen (100 free, 1:01.79).

Freshman diver Peter Wakeling took third in his varsity debut (129.50 points), and 400 free relay team Craig Schwarz, Saunders, Bakies and Russell was third (4:19.37).

Delacoste finished fourth in the 50 free (28.10), fifths went to Schwarz (200 free, 2:43.86) and Janetti (100 fly, 1:14.79) and sixth-place finishers were junior Kevin O'Donnell (100 fly, 1:18.03) and freshman Adam Kleger (100 free, 1:15.97).

INDOOR TRACK

Both Andover High varsity indoor track teams dominated the hurdles, sprints and high jump to open their Merrimack Valley Conference dual-meet seasons with auspicious wins over Billerica.

The reigning league champion AHS boys cruised, 58-28, and the girls rolled, 53-33, in action at the Andover High Field House.

Schedule

Both Andover teams returned to the oval yesterday (Wednesday), after *Townsman* presstime, hosting Lowell at the AHS Field House.

The next dual meet isn't until Jan. 4 when Haverhill comes to town (3:30 p.m.).

Andover girls 53
Billerica 33

The Lady Warriors placed first in seven of 10 events and swept the 50 hurdles and 300 dash to spark the triumph.

Cleaning house in the hurdles were senior Capt. Brittany Pierce (7.3), junior Tamar Brady and Caroline Hodge.

Sophomore Kayley Pettoruto topped the AHS sprint trio in the 300 with a 43.0 clocking, while sophomore Emily Barker and freshman Melissa Knapp rounded out the top three.

Junior Rachel Fox continued her mastery of the 600 run, winning by a healthy four-second margin in 1:32.8.

Other victors were junior sprinter Chrissy Peracchi (50 dash, 6.5), sophomore miler Casey Harrison (5:43.1), sophomore high jumper Jessica Forster (4'10") and senior shot putter and Capt. Sarah Thompson (30 feet).

Additional runners-up for Andover were junior Christina Conley (1000) and miler Brianna Gross, while finishing third were sophomore Bizzy DiTroia (50), senior Amy Boxell (600), Katherine Gross (1000) and high jumpers Kerry Hill and Caroline Damphousse who tied.

Andover boys 58
Billerica 28

The Golden Warriors placed first in seven of the 10 events and swept the high jump, with Nate Baker taking a first and second to lead the way.

The junior standout cleared 5'9" for first place in the high jump, and finished the 300 dash in 35.0 as a close runner-up to Capt. Pierre Hage (34.9).

Other individual winners for AHS were senior hurdler and Capt. Adam Cuomo (6.6 seconds), senior sprinter and Capt. Jason Sheldon in the 50 dash (5.7), senior Capt. Ben Ossoff in the 600 run (1:22.7) and junior shot putter J.B. Israel (41'1").

Andover also won the 4x400 relay in 3:49.5.

In addition to Baker, who scored 8 points, other seconds went to sophomore Jackson Korba in the 1000 run (2:41.5), junior miler Frank Perrone (4:58.5) who was one second behind Billerica's Bobby Evans (4:57.4), junior two-miler Peter Shaw (10:28.4), junior high jumper Andrew Wheelwright (5'7") and senior shot putter and Capt. John Kim (40 feet).

Wrapping up the scoring with thirds for the winners were junior high jumper Tom Jackson (5'3"), completing the meet's only sweep, senior Jeff Belardo (50 dash, 5.8), senior Capt. Mike Baldwin (600 run, 1:23.4), miler David Easton (5:10.2) and senior two-miler Peter Brown (11:00.6).

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AHS PREVIEWS

AHS gymnastics teams: Bursting with attitude

By Rick Harrison

This week the Townsman *continues in-depth previews of Andover High varsity sports teams for the 2005-06 winter season with looks at girls gymnastics and boys gymnastics.*

GIRLS GYMNASTICS

There may be a few small chinks in the armor – but no one is discounting the possibility that the Andover High girls gymnastics team will once again contend for Merrimack Valley Conference, North Sectional and All-State championships.

"We're not as strong as we've been – but the potential is there to do very well," said Julie Chapman, who this year shares the head coaching duties with former AHS gymnastics standout, UMass Lowell graduate and four-year assistant Lindsey Rudolph.

"The talent is there but we have some work to do putting it together," said Chapman. "Success won't come as easily as it has during this nice (15-year) run we've had.

"The numbers are down a bit (23) – but a smaller team makes for a closer-knit team. It's a nice group of kids – very easy to work with – and that excellent attitude is like a slice of heaven.

"It's going to be an interesting season."

Last year Andover finished with a 9-1 dual-meet record, its multi-year win streak snapped at 51 meets in a 140.60 to 139.85 loss to Central Catholic on Jan. 29.

The Lady Warriors went on to finish second to Dracut by a fraction of a point in the MVC Championship Meet, second to Danvers at the North Sectionals and fifth at the All-State Meet also won by Danvers.

Andover is 117-6 in its last 123 duals and Chapman sports a career won-lost record of 138-14 in 16 seasons as head coach.

AHS has nine MVC titles, two Sectional championships and in 2000 the Lady Warriors won the school's first All-State title in girls gymnastics.

Chapman's teams have qualified for the Sectionals 17 times and advanced to the All-State Meet seven years.

The roster

Key among the seven 2005 senior graduates were Libby Fortier (attending Union College) and Meghan Harrington (UNH).

Both were consistent winners and top three finishers in duals and bigger meets, with Fortier (diving for Union swim team) finishing second in the all-around at the MVC Championships (36.35).

Harrington had to sit out the latter part of the season after suffering torn ligaments in the big toe on her right foot,

The list of returners includes five seniors, all-around Katie Infantine, Capt. Sarah Coneeny (uneven bars, vault, floor exercise), Capt. Donna Lamontagne (balance beam, vault), Sonal Mehta (beam) and Steph Theroux (vault).

Infantine was third all-around at the MVC Meet last winter (35.15), and she was Andover's top scorer on beam and in floor at Sectionals and in floor at All-States (personal-best 9.425).

Junior veterans are Renee Coiro (bars, beam, floor), Jackie Hung (beam, floor), Casey Jaroche (all-around), Becky Robichaud (all-around), Carly Verrette (bars, vault, floor) and Stephanie Shin (beam, floor).

Verrette is coming off a devastating neck/back injury and appears close to 100 percent physically and psychologically.

Sophomores on the squad are Emily Benham (bars, beam, vault), Lauren Colby (beam, vault, floor), Marilyn Fontaine (bars, vault, floor), Alyssa Geary (bars, beam, floor), Devin Geary (beam, floor), Christina Muccio (all-around), Kathryn Sullivan (beam, floor) and newcomer Brittany Hockman (beam, floor).

Muccio was Andover's top scorer in the vault at the Sectional and State Meets, and also posted a 34.775 all-around at the State Meet.

The four freshmen are Caroline Biles (beam, floor), Kristen Coneeny (bars, vault, floor), Leah Psoinos (all-around) and Kelly Sullivan (bars, vault, floor).

Shifting strength

"We lost out on a Level 10 freshman, who decided to work and compete strictly with her club team," said Chapman. "That hurts. But Psoinos and Kristen Coneeny are both Level 8 and should be solid additions.

"Alyssa Geary, Devin Geary and Casey Jaroche worked hard in the off-season and came back stronger."

The event focus of the team has shifted this season.

"For many years bars has been our staple," said Chapman. "We were always strong while almost every other team struggled.

"Unfortunately right now it's our biggest concern – mainly because Libby (Fortier) and Meghan (Harrington) were both very strong on bars and will be tough to replace.

"Vault and floor look like our best events – and we have depth on beam," said Chapman.

Opener Tuesday

The dual meet season opens next Tuesday (Dec. 27) morning at Billerica (10 a.m.).

The first home meet at the Dunn Gym is Jan. 5 versus Lowell, and non-leaguers are scheduled at Acton-Boxboro (Jan. 9) and home versus Westford Academy (Jan. 17).

The MVC Championship Meet is Feb. 11 at Dracut.

Chapman expects Dracut, with its entire team returning, to be the MVC team to watch.

Central Catholic lost its big gun, Brittany Agohian, who transferred to Masconomet Regional of Topsfield, which was already one of the best teams in the state.

"That's a huge hit for Central and a big get for Masco," said Chapman.

BOYS GYMNASTICS

As usual, the Andover High boys gymnastics team is among the largest squads in Eastern Massachusetts with more than 20 on its roster.

The Golden Warriors are eager to get started – although the season opening dual meet is still two weeks away at Attleboro High on Jan. 6.

A strong contingent of 10 seniors backbones the AHS unit, which also has three juniors, three sophomores and five freshmen.

"The attitude is excellent," said veteran coach Steve Sirois. "The seniors are all thinking about trying to get a spot on Team Massachusetts, which will compete in the Nationals in Florida next spring, and the freshmen are gung-ho and looking towards the future.

"We should be pretty strong in vaulting, floor exercise and rings – and we have a couple of solid all-arounds."

Top graduates from last year's 3-5 team, which placed fifth at the State Meet, included Gabe Greeley, Jim Grieve and Alex Bergeson.

This year's senior group is led by three potential all-around candidates, Seth Putnam, Myke Fortier and Amir Yazdi.

They will be joined by classmates Mike Barry (parallel bars, high bar), John Chang (floor exercise), Matt Jaroche (parallel bars, vault), Andy Lundgren (rings), John Rocca (parallel bars), Ryan Sirois (pommel horse, parallel bars) and Brian Walsh (vault).

Juniors are Mike Tanner (high bar, rings), Rob Tornatore (rings) and Derek Schwarz (pommel horse, parallel bars).

Sophomores are Derek Cerchione (pommel horse), David Voyer (floor exercise) and all-around Aaron Davidovits who spent last winter diving with the swim team.

Promising freshmen prospects are Jeff Sirois (parallel bars, rings, vault), Damon Parker (rings, parallel bars, high bar), Max Nolin (floor, rings), Billy Mara (rings, parallel bars, vault, high bar) and all-around Alex Dumitrescu.

Dumitrescu comes from good stock as both his mother and father were gymnasts in their native Romania.

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Following the meet at Attleboro, the locals return to action Jan. 18 at Salem, N.H.

The annual Salem, N.H. Invitational is on Saturday, Jan. 21 and other dual meets are against reigning state champ Braintree, Newton North, home with Salem, Burlington, Lowell and Revere.

Last year's wins came over Revere, Salem and Newton South.

Sirois feels Brauntree and Attleboro are the teams to beat this winter.

Sirois, who also coaches at Lowell, begins his 23rd year with the AHS program.

He is joined by Jack Gleason, in his 39th year, and George Walsh.

Pallotta is first AHS soccer All-American

By Rick Harrison

Andover High senior Emily Pallotta, one of the most highly-decorated girls soccer players in school history, was recently notified she has been selected a National Soccer Coaches of America (NSCA) Academic All-American.

She is one of only 35 girls student/athletes across the country so honored, and joins Meaghan Murphy of Springfield Cathedral as the only two from Massachusetts.

The 18-year-old AHS standout, who will attend Boston University next fall on a full athletic scholarship, is the first All-American of any kind to emerge from the Andover High soccer program.

Although several AHS swimmers have been similarly recognized in recent years, interscholastic Academic All-Americans are few and far between.

Pallotta has been invited to attend the awards ceremony on Jan. 21 at the National Convention Center in Philadelphia.

Each candidate for the award is first nominated by her coach, and must then pass through rigid evaluations and scrutiny of her accomplishments by regional and national committees.

Ability in soccer, achievement in the classroom and involvement in the school and local communities are all taken into consideration.

Pallotta, a four-year standout at midfield on powerful Andover High soccer teams, will graduate next spring as the second highest scorer in school history with 38 goals and 56 assists for 94 points.

PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Emily Pallotta: All-American.

Although she suffered an ankle injury in this year's tournament and had to sit out stretches of her final high school game, the 2005 captain played on four Lady Warrior teams that had a combined won-lost-tied record of 56-15-16 and won or shared four Merrimack Valley Conference Division 1 titles.

Three of those teams also went deep into the Division 1 North Tournament.

Multiple honors

Pallotta was an MVC All-Conference selection three times, the MVC 1 Player-of-the-Year in 2005, a two-time All-State choice and two-time All-New England honoree.

She also made the *Eagle-Tribune* all-area team three times, including Player of the Year in 2004, and was a two-time Boston Herald All-Scholastic and one-time Boston Globe All-Scholastic.

In the spring and summer Pallotta competes in the Massachusetts State Olympic Developmental Program (ODP) for soccer, and has traveled around the country playing in tournaments as a member of the Region 1 East Coast All-Star Team.

She is also a senior guard and captain on the highly-successful AHS girls varsity basketball team.

Pallotta, a National Honor Society member, carries a 3.75 grade-point average while taking many advanced college placement (ACP) courses.

She is on the Andover High student government board of directors, the yearbook staff, is a volunteer with the Special Olympics soccer program and participates in a school peer group anti-drug program called GUTS, which stands for Growing Up, Taking a Stand.

"No one is more deserving of this honor," said longtime AHS head girls soccer coach Dick Loschi. "Emily puts it all out there on the soccer field and in life – with academics and her involvement in many school activities."

Pallotta's older sister Liz, a sophomore at the University of Indiana, is a former three-sport standout at Andover High (swimming, basketball and softball) and a terrific role model.

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RICHARD J. COLLINS
(Coach)

Certainly no stranger to this type of honor, the legendary Andover High football/track & field coach is a member of five other Halls of Fame including the Massachusetts High School Football Coaches, Massachusetts High School Track & Field Coaches, Dartmouth College, East Providence, R.I. High and Providence, R.I. Gridiron Club.

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In addition to coaching track, Dick Collins coached the Golden Warriors' only three Super Bowl football teams, in 1973, 1974 and 1975. Those teams will also be inducted into the Hall of Fame.

He was named National Track & Field Coach of the Year in 1980.

Collins took over both AHS sports in 1959 and spent almost four decades cranking out championship teams until his retirement in 1996.

He was the architect of the Golden Warriors' only three Super Bowl football teams in 1973, 1974 and 1975, the '74 team winning the title with a thrilling, 21-20 overtime victory against Salem, and the '75 squad beating Plymouth North, 7-3. The '73 team lost to Catholic Memorial.

During that stretch Andover put together a 40-game undefeated streak (39-0-1), a school record and one of the longest of its kind in state history.

Collins' football teams won more than 200 games during his tenure, while his indoor and outdoor track and field teams combined for more than 400 dual-meet wins over the years, including one amazing streak of 88 consecutive outdoor victories.

In both 1970 and 1984, Andover track went unbeaten, winning Merrimack Valley Conference, State Class B, State All-Class and New England team championships.

The Rhode Island native, a standout two-way running back/defensive back in football and track sprinter in high school, prep school and college, was named to the Providence Journal Athletic Scholarship Honor Roll in 1948.

Collins earned the Phillips Academy/Yale Bowl Athletic Scholarship in 1949 and Dartmouth College's Kenneth Archibald Athletics Scholarship Prize in 1953.

Andover resident Collins is the father of four, two sons and two daughters who were all outstanding athletes, and stepfather to several other excellent AHS athletes.

Collins, still a prominent figure around town, has remained involved as an Andover school committeeman and a volunteer coach at both AHS and Phillips Academy.

LEE DZIADOSZ-METZGER
Field Hockey/Basketball
(Class of 1989)

At AHS, two-sport athlete Lee Dziadosz-Metzger captured numerous honors in field hockey and basketball.

Lee Dziadosz-Metzger

She capped her AHS career by winning the Eugene V. Lovely Award in 1989 as the school's Female Athlete of the Year.

She was also recognized in the AHS yearbook, as voted by her peers, as the Best Female Athlete of 1989.

She received the Wil Hixon Award that same year as the Most Valuable Player in girls basketball.

A three-year starter in field hockey, Dsiadosz-Metzger was team MVP and captain in 1988.

She was also a three-year starter and two-time team captain in basketball, being named to the Greater Lawrence Christmas Tournament All-Star Team in 1988 before winning the tourney's MVP award in 1989.

She was All-Conference and *Eagle-Tribune* All-Star in both sports.

Dsiadosz-Metzger played basketball in the Bay State Summer Games for four years.

She was a starter on Massachusetts AAU basketball teams for five years, and a two-year starter in AAU softball in 1987 and 1988.

Dziadosz-Metzger received a four-year basketball scholarship to Merrimack College, and played women's basketball at San Francisco State University for one year.

She now resides in Watertown.

CHRIS EGGERT
Baseball/Basketball
(Class of 1990)

Eggert played basketball and is best remembered as the first of a string of outstanding lefthanded pitchers.

On the hardwood he was a captain in 1989-90 and earned the Ted Boudreau Award at the 1989 Greater Lawrence Christmas Basketball Tournament.

Eggert, who graduated one year before AHS won back-to-back State Division 1 titles in baseball (1991 and 1992), was captain of the 1990 Golden Warriors' baseball squad.

That senior year he accumulated a truckload of individual honors as both Merrimack Valley Conference and team MVP, *Eagle-Tribune* Player of the Year, *Boston Herald* All-Scholastic and *Boston Globe* Division 1 Player of the Year as well as Eastern Mass. All-Star.

Chris Eggert

Eggert also received High School Baseball All-American honorable mention.

The lefty hurler went on to further his baseball career in the Boston Park League and at Assumption College in Worcester.

He won the Park League's Bill Benson Award as Rookie of the Year in 1990 and was a three-time League All-Star.

At Assumption, Eggert was a first or second team Northeast-10 All-Conference from 1992 through 1994, a 1993 All-New England College All-Star, 1994 pre-season All-American choice and both a captain and team MVP for the Greyhounds that same spring.

Eggert currently resides in Greenville, S.C.

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Hanukkah on Wheels, a community roller-skating program, 1:30–4 p.m., with face painting, raffles, music, kosher fast food, and a menorah lighting at the end of the program, $5, free for children under three (food not included in the price), bring skates or rent a pair for $3; Roller Kingdom in Hudson; for information, contact Debbie Goldstein 978-749-8065.

Monday, December 26

No events listed.

Tuesday, December 27

Jewish Federation's "First Light 5766," the 12th anniversary of the Merrimack Valley Jewish community's Hannukah celebration, featuring cantor and composer Jeff Klepper of Kol B'Seder in concert, and beginning with a traditional outdoor lighting of the menorah, followed by a community dinner, and concluding with the concert, 5:30 p.m., advance tickets $18, $9 for seniors and children under 18, but on the day of the event, tickets are priced at $20, $10 for seniors and children, Temple Emanu-El, 514 Main St., Haverhill; Michelle Sol or Jan Brodie 978-688-0466.

Wednesday, December 28 through Sunday, January 1

No events listed.

Ongoing

Seasonal Activities

***A Christmas Carol* at North Shore Music Theatre,** the 17th year of NSMT's production of the musical based on Dickens's memorable characters is underway, with performances every day through Saturday, Dec. 24, and featuring a winter wonderland of festive surroundings, including lights, decorations, wassail bowl, gatherings with cast members and all the magic and merriment of the season; tickets are priced from $35 to $68, North Shore Music Theater Dunham Road, Beverly; call the box office at 978-232-7200.

A Christmas Story, about Ralphie, a boy of the 1940s who wants just one thing for Christmas – a Red Ryder BB gun, at the Stoneham Theatre through Dec. 23, 395 Main St., Stoneham; for ticket prices and availability: box office 781-279-2200 or www.Stoneham Theatre.org.

Zoolights, the Stone Zoo in Stoneham is all decked out to sparkle, a winter wonderland filled with thousands of lights; visit the brightly-lit Yukon Creek, where Arctic foxes, bald eagles, a lynx and a pair of real reindeer reside; Santa will be on hand for photos; Santa's Castle is full of fairy-tale characters and dancing plush animals; daily through Dec. 30 (closed Dec. 25), 5–9 p.m., $4 general admission, $3 for members, free for children under 2, Stone Zoo, 149 Pond St., Stoneham; 617-541-5466 or www.zoonewengland.org.

Amesbury Playhouse Dinner Theater, Charles Dickens's *A Christmas Carol* playing through Dec. 23, Thursdays at 7 p.m. (buffet at 5 p.m.), Fridays and Saturdays at 8:30 p.m. (dinner, 7 p.m.) and Sundays at 1 (dinner, noon) and at 6:30 p.m. (dinner, 5 p.m.), reservations required for all performances, $17 show only, dinner-show combo start at $30 and go up to $45, depending on meal choices, Amesbury Playhouse, 194 Main St., Amesbury; 978-388-9444 or www.amesburyplayhouse.org.

Art Exhibitions

Addison Gallery of American Art, *Little Women, Little Men: Folk Art Portraits of Children from the Fenimore Art Museum* and *Child's Play: Children from the Addison Collection,* both on display through Dec. 31; *Unfamiliar Territory,* the photography of Oscar Palacio, through Dec. 31; regular gallery hours are Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.–5 p.m., Sunday 1–5 p.m., free admission, Addison Gallery of American Art, Phillips Academy; 978-749-4015, www.addisongallery.org.

Alpers Fine Art of Andover, through Dec. 31, *Counterpoints,* a show featuring the work of two artists, veteran painter John Mulcahy and watercolorist Stephanie Anderson, gallery hours Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 10

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The annual tree lighting on the Ballardvale Green drew crowds of townspeople who brave cold weather to make the illumination one of their holiday traditions.

PHOTO BY DIANE DERBY

The McQuaide brothers — Brian and Brett — have their backyard rink on Granli Drive all to themselves, and there's plenty of room, as it is 100 by 60 feet.

Backyard rinks are ready

At 100 by 60 feet, Granli Drive has the ultimate ice rink

By Judy Wakefield

The legendary Bobby Orr wrote this in the foreward to *Home Ice*, a book about backyard skating rinks: "It's a book about the heart and soul of hockey – a backyard rink, a frozen pond and the families and friends who play on them. It's wonderful how ice can be so warm."

That quotation was the inspiration for Earle McQuaide's backyard project. His enormous, flat backyard on Granli Drive turns into the neighborhood skating rink when winter weather cooperates and temperatures are cold enough to sustain the ice.

For the past three years, Mother Nature has done her part and the rink behind the McQuaide's house is in a league of its own. At 100 by 60 feet, there's plenty of room for recreational skaters to keep close to the boards while hockey players take over the middle of the rink. It is the ultimate of backyard skating rinks, while offering a Currier and Ives winter scene that makes it all worthwhile for the homeowners.

"The house was just OK, but this yard was great," McQuaide said of his home purchase. "It was what we wanted."

Of course, McQuaide is not the only one.

Town bylaws do not require permits for backyard rinks, so nobody knows how many rinks there are in Andover. But McQuaide guessed that there are 40 to 50 backyard rinks in town.

Hockey parents typically put them up.

McQuaide and his wife, Denise, have hosted many ice-skating parties over the years where the boom box plays music and skaters of all ages enjoy the ice.

The McQuaide's two sons, Brian and Brett, play hockey, but their dad says it was not hockey that got him researching backyard rinks on the Internet.

"It was more about the neighborhood kids. I wanted the kids to have something to do in the winter," McQuaide said. "If you're going to live here (in New England) you have to enjoy the winter."

So, he bought a backyard rink kit on the Internet, complete with stakes and brackets and a liner that is so big you need a crew of people to smooth it out. He runs water in a hose from the house to fill the rink and then hopes for freezing cold weather.

He's got a shed to house all the rink-related equipment: a three-wheeled ice mower that helps keep the ice smooth and "The Bambini," a machine that a skater can fill with water and pull around the ice after skating. It provides a new layer of water that freezes and offers smooth skating the next time.

There is some low-tech equipment too, such as plenty of shovels to get rid of the white stuff when it falls.

"There is a lot of work involved," McQuaide emphasized, noting rink maintenance is time-consuming and cold weather is critical for good ice. "I recommend getting a rink, but you have to realize there is a lot of work involved."

Brian McQuaide practices his slapshot on his backyard rink. Below left: Rink maintenance is costly and time consuming. Pictured here are two pieces of equipment that keep the ice smooth: a three-legged ice mower and The Bambini.

His rink, which is about 25 steps from his back door, officially opened last week and people have skated on it every day and night since. There are backyard lights so night skating is possible.

"It's a lot of fun for my friends to come over," said Brian McQuaide, who is 14 and attends Wood Hill Middle School. "Every day I skate ... I come home from school, do my homework and then skate."

Winter officially started yesterday - Dec. 21 - and Mother Nature is cooperating once again as this month was plenty cold for ice-making. The McQuaide family is ready to make lots of winter memories.

"Like Bobby Orr said - whoever thought ice could be so warm?" McQuaide said.

Brian McQuaide (left) grabs one end while his younger brother, Brett, grabs the other end of their hockey net.

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No events listed.

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Hanukkah on Wheels, a community roller-skating program, 1:30–4 p.m., with face painting, raffles, music, kosher fast food, and a menorah lighting at the end of the program, $5, free for children under three (food not included in the price), bring skates or rent a pair for $3; Roller Kingdom in Hudson; for information, contact Debbie Goldstein 978-749-8065.

Monday, December 26

No events listed.

Tuesday, December 27

Jewish Federation's "First Light 5766," the 12th anniversary of the Merrimack Valley Jewish community's Hannukah celebration, featuring cantor and composer Jeff Klepper of Kol B'Seder in concert, and beginning with a traditional outdoor lighting of the menorah, followed by a community dinner, and concluding with the concert, 5:30 p.m., advance tickets $18, $9 for seniors and children under 18, but on the day of the event, tickets are priced at $20, $10 for seniors and children, Temple Emanu-El, 514 Main St., Haverhill; Michelle Sol or Jan Brodie 978-688-0466.

Wednesday, December 28 through Sunday, January 1

No events listed.

Ongoing

Seasonal Activities

***A Christmas Carol* at North Shore Music Theatre,** the 17th year of NSMT's production of the musical based on Dickens's memorable characters is underway, with performances every day through Saturday, Dec. 24, and featuring a winter wonderland of festive surroundings, including lights, decorations, wassail bowl, gatherings with cast members and all the magic and merriment of the season; tickets are priced from $35 to $68, North Shore Music Theater Dunham Road, Beverly; call the box office at 978-232-7200.

A Christmas Story, about Ralphie, a boy of the 1940s who wants just one thing for Christmas – a Red Ryder BB gun, at the Stoneham Theatre through Dec. 23, 395 Main St., Stoneham; for ticket prices and availability: box office 781-279-2200 or www.Stoneham Theatre.org.

Zoolights, the Stone Zoo in Stoneham is all decked out to sparkle, a winter wonderland filled with thousands of lights; visit the brightly-lit Yukon Creek, where Arctic foxes, bald eagles, a lynx and a pair of real reindeer reside; Santa will be on hand for photos; Santa's Castle is full of fairy-tale characters and dancing plush animals; daily through Dec. 30 (closed Dec. 25), 5–9 p.m., $4 general admission, $3 for members, free for children under 2, Stone Zoo, 149 Pond St., Stoneham; 617-541-5466 or www.zoonewengland.org.

Amesbury Playhouse Dinner Theater, Charles Dickens's *A Christmas Carol* playing through Dec. 23, Thursdays at 7 p.m. (buffet at 5 p.m.), Fridays and Saturdays at 8:30 p.m. (dinner, 7 p.m.) and Sundays at 1 (dinner, noon) and at 6:30 p.m. (dinner, 5 p.m.), reservations required for all performances, $17 show only, dinner-show combo start at $30 and go up to $45, depending on meal choices, Amesbury Playhouse, 194 Main St., Amesbury; 978-388-9444 or www.amesburyplayhouse.org.

Art Exhibitions

Addison Gallery of American Art, *Little Women, Little Men: Folk Art Portraits of Children from the Fenimore Art Museum* and *Child's Play: Children from the Addison Collection,* both on display through Dec. 31; *Unfamiliar Territory,* the photography of Oscar Palacio, through Dec. 31; regular gallery hours are Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.–5 p.m., Sunday 1–5 p.m., free admission, Addison Gallery of American Art, Phillips Academy; 978-749-4015, www.addisongallery.org.

Alpers Fine Art of Andover, through Dec. 31, *Counterpoints,* a show featuring the work of two artists, veteran painter John Mulcahy and watercolorist Stephanie Anderson, gallery hours Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 10

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The annual tree lighting on the Ballardvale Green drew crowds of townspeople who brave cold weather to make the illumination one of their holiday traditions.

PHOTO BY DIANE DERBY

The McQuaide brothers — Brian and Brett — have their backyard rink on Granli Drive all to themselves, and there's plenty of room, as it is 100 by 60 feet.

Backyard rinks are ready

At 100 by 60 feet, Granli Drive has the ultimate ice rink

By Judy Wakefield

The legendary Bobby Orr wrote this in the foreward to *Home Ice*, a book about backyard skating rinks: "It's a book about the heart and soul of hockey – a backyard rink, a frozen pond and the families and friends who play on them. It's wonderful how ice can be so warm."

That quotation was the inspiration for Earle McQuaide's backyard project. His enormous, flat backyard on Granli Drive turns into the neighborhood skating rink when winter weather cooperates and temperatures are cold enough to sustain the ice.

For the past three years, Mother Nature has done her part and the rink behind the McQuaide's house is in a league of its own. At 100 by 60 feet, there's plenty of room for recreational skaters to keep close to the boards while hockey players take over the middle of the rink. It is the ultimate of backyard skating rinks, while offering a Currier and Ives winter scene that makes it all worthwhile for the homeowners.

"The house was just OK, but this yard was great," McQuaide said of his home purchase. "It was what we wanted."

Of course, McQuaide is not the only one.

Town bylaws do not require permits for backyard rinks, so nobody knows how many rinks there are in Andover. But McQuaide guessed that there are 40 to 50 backyard rinks in town.

Hockey parents typically put them up.

McQuaide and his wife, Denise, have hosted many ice-skating parties over the years where the boom box plays music and skaters of all ages enjoy the ice.

The McQuaide's two sons, Brian and Brett, play hockey, but their dad says it was not hockey that got him researching backyard rinks on the Internet.

"It was more about the neighborhood kids. I wanted the kids to have something to do in the winter," McQuaide said. "If you're going to live here (in New England) you have to enjoy the winter."

So, he bought a backyard rink kit on the Internet, complete with stakes and brackets and a liner that is so big you need a crew of people to smooth it out. He runs water in a hose from the house to fill the rink and then hopes for freezing cold weather.

He's got a shed to house all the rink-related equipment: a three-wheeled ice mower that helps keep the ice smooth and "The Bambini," a machine that a skater can fill with water and pull around the ice after skating. It provides a new layer of water that freezes and offers smooth skating the next time.

There is some low-tech equipment too, such as plenty of shovels to get rid of the white stuff when it falls.

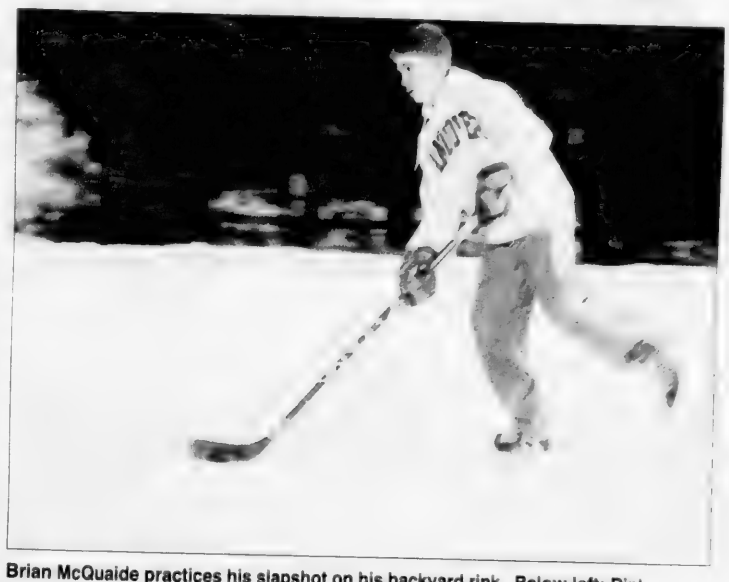
"There is a lot of work involved," McQuaide emphasized, noting rink maintenance is time-consuming and cold weather is critical for good ice. "I recommend getting a rink, but you have to realize there is a lot of work involved."

His rink, which is about 25 steps from his back door, officially opened last week and people have skated on it every day and night since. There are backyard lights so night skating is possible.

"It's a lot of fun for my friends to come over," said Brian McQuaide, who is 14 and attends Wood Hill Middle School. "Every day I skate ... I come home from school, do my homework and then skate."

Winter officially started yesterday - Dec. 21 - and Mother Nature is cooperating once again as this month was plenty cold for ice-making. The McQuaide family is ready to make lots of winter memories.

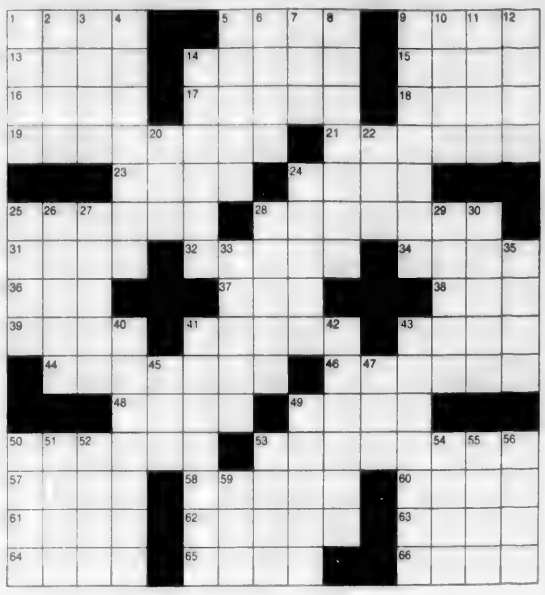
"Like Bobby Orr said - whoever thought ice could be so warm?" McQuaide said.



Brian McQuaide practices his slapshot on his backyard rink. Below left: Rink maintenance is costly and time consuming. Pictured here are two pieces of equipment that keep the ice smooth: a three-legged ice mower and The Bambini.

Brian McQuaide (left) grabs one end while his younger brother, Brett, grabs the other end of their hockey net.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



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5. Luggage
9. Moonfish
13. Turkish title
14. Ancient region on Aegean Sea
15. Town in Galilee
16. Terror
17. A citizen of Iran
18. Thomas —, British composer, 1700
19. Gorges
21. Embroidered
23. Jacob __, American journalist
24. Indian helmet
25. At peace
28. Aureoles
31. Mallard genus
32. Frocks
34. Expression of sorrow
36. Roll steel ingots
37. Pain unit
38. Caustic soap ingredient
39. Supports the rudderpost
41. Fathers
43. The central part of the earth
44. To leave someone alone
46. In a way, lessens
48. Musical composition
49. Ancient Olympic Site
50. Compartments
53. Wickets
57. Compel
58. Lower in esteem
60. Spanish nothing
61. Extinct European wild ox
62. Played
63. Old Irish alphabet
64. Sporting competition
65. Oh, God!
66. Strewn with small figures

CLUES DOWN

1. Rigs
2. North-central Indian city
3. Which
4. Sarcasms
5. Publicizes
6. Bird genus
7. Tonic's partner
8. Panamas
9. Terra-cotta wind instrument
10. Large cat
11. __ Frank's diary
12. Used to have (Scottish)
14. Urban areas
20. Own (Scottish)
22. Military mailbox
24. Transparent linen
25. Pouches
26. Japanese mushroom
27. Speaks with fury
28. Ten millions
29. Dole out
30. Pennsylvania town
33. Passages
35. Envisions
40. Most adhesive
41. Egg's breakfast companion
42. Used esp. of meats
43. Buildings
45. Licensed practical nurse
47. A small amount of solid food
49. Comforted
50. Share a room
51. Swiss river
52. Down in the mouth
53. Mammal genus
54. Animal pen
55. Dutch cheese
56. Identical
59. Sack

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a.m.–6 p.m., Friday and Saturday 10 a.m.–8 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m.–4 p.m., 2 Main St.; 978-470-0013 or www.alpersfineart.com.

Robert S. Peabody Museum of Archaeology, *Objects and their Meanings: Historical Highlights of the Peabody,* displays ethnographic objects from museum's collections of North and South America and a series of photographs that illustrate the activities of the museum's key people during the last century; Tuesday through Saturday, noon–5 p.m., by appointment only, free admission, Phillips Academy campus, 175 Main St.; 978-749-4490.

Arthur Griffin Museum of Photography, Tuesday-Sunday, noon–4 p.m., $5 admission, $2 seniors, members and children under 12 free, Thursday admission is free all day, 67 Shore Road, Winchester; 781-729-1158, www.griffinmuseum.org.

Brush Art Gallery, regular hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday, noon–4 p.m., Brush Art Gallery and Studio, 256 Market St., Lowell; 978-459-7819 or www.thebrush.org.

Concord Art Association, "Dreaming the Light / Unfolding the Dark," a new show through Dec. 23, curated by Tamara Krendel, who describes the work as "poetic interpretations of Light & Dark in a variety of complementary styles and mediums," featuring artists working in oils, digital images and sterling, regular exhibit hours Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m., Sunday noon–4 p.m., Concord Art Association, 37 Lexington Rd., Concord; 978-369-2578.

COOL Gallery, exhibit hours Tuesday and Thursday, 1–5 p.m., COOL Gallery, 338 Market St., Lowell; Cultural Organization of Lowell 978-446-7162.

Gallery 181, Cotton Weaving House, 181 Canal St., Lawrence; Jim 978-688-4544.

Robert Lehman Art Center at Brooks School, gallery hours Tuesday-Friday 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, 8:30 a.m.-noon, Sunday, 2:30-5 p.m., 1160 Great Pond Road, North Andover; 978-725-6232.

Whistler House Museum of Art, Wednesday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., $4, 243 Worthen St., Lowell; 978-452-7641.

Memorial Hall Library, Artist of the Month is photographer John Distefano, library hours: Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-9 p.m., Sunday, noon-5 p.m.; Norma Gammon 978-623-8401, Ext. 49, www.mhl.org.

McQuade Gallery, located in the McQuade Library at Merrimack College, gallery hours same as library hours: Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m.–midnight, Friday, 7:30 a.m.–6 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m.–5 p.m., Sunday, 11 a.m.–midnight, call to confirm hours, free admission; 978-837-5000.

Essex Art Center, regular gallery hours Monday and Wednesday, 10 a.m.-8:30 p.m., Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m.–5 p.m., galleries are free and open to the public; Essex Art Center, 56 Island St., Lawrence; Cathy McLaurin 978-685-2343, or www.essexartcenter.com.

McCoy Gallery, Merrimack College; hours Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.–5 p.m., free admission; 978-837-5000, Ext. 4205.

Sakowich Campus Center, at Merrimack College, the Fireside and first floor lounges, call for hours; 978-837-5000, Ext. 4205.

Senior Center artists, talented artists participate in art classes and enjoy the "drop-in group" on Wednesday and Thursday mornings, art display of oils, watercolors, pencil, pen and ink, pastels and oriental brush art is in the Music Room; Andover Senior Center, Whittier Court; 978-623-8321.

Lorica Artworks, gallery specializing in original fine art from Ireland and America, featuring the largest collection of original fine art from Ireland in the Boston area, presents

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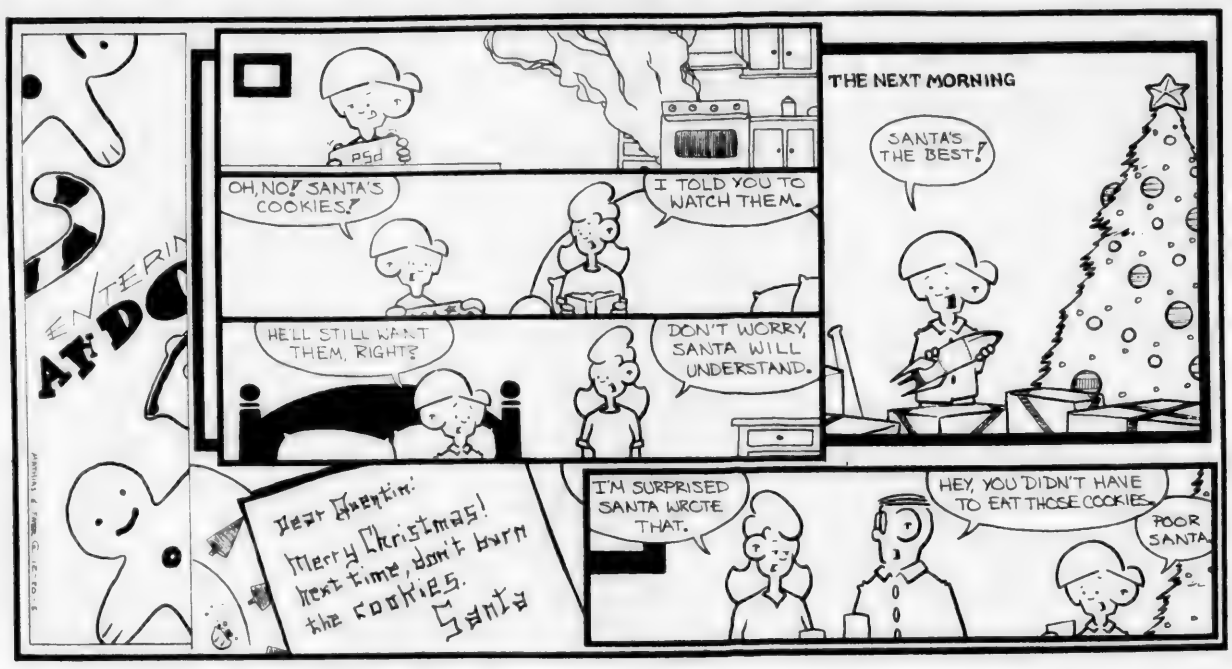
By Neil Fater and Don Mathias



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"Gathering Season," a group show presenting recent work by 21 artists from Ireland and America whose images display subject matter linked to the land; gallery hours are: Tuesday, Wednesday, Saturday 10 a.m.–5 p.m.; Thursday 10 a.m.–8 p.m.; Friday 10 a.m.–7 p.m., and Sunday noon–4 p.m., as well as by appointment; show runs to Dec. 31; free admission, handicap access; 90 Main St.; 978-470-1829 or www.loricaartworks.com.

Marland Place Gallery, daily viewing times 10 a.m.–4 p.m., Marland Place, 15 Stevens St.; Diane 978-475-4225.

Walsingham Gallery, works by artists J.C. Airoldi, Robert Douglas Hunter, Jean Lightman, Elizabeth M. Leary, John Daniel Phillips, Frank Strazzulla Jr., and others; gallery hours Monday, Wednesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Sunday, noon-5 p.m., closed Tuesdays, 47 Merrimac St., Newburyport; 978-499-4411 www.thewalsingham-gallery.com.

Montserrat College of Art 301 Gallery, Tuesday-Saturday, 11 a.m.–2 p.m., and by appointment, 301 Cabot St., Beverly; Ashley Hopkins 978-921-4242, Ext. 1114.

Evos Arts Gallery, free, 98 Middle St., Lowell; 978-441-9906, www.evosarts.com.

Flint Memorial Library, 147 Park St., North Reading; 978-664-4942, www.flintmemoriallibrary.org.

The State of the Art Gallery and Sculpture Garden, Rocky Neck Art Colony, Gloucester; 978-463-8883.

Churchill Gallery, gallery hours are Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.–5 p.m. and Sunday noon–5 p.m., 6 Inn St., Newburyport; 978-462-9891.

Cape Ann Historical Museum, Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m.–5 p.m., 27 Pleasant St., Gloucester; 978-283-0455.

The Saltbox Gallery, is exhibiting new works of the gallery artists at the Topsfield public library, featuring a representative sampling of Saltbox Gallery artists, including oils, acrylics, watercolors, pastels and hand-carved objects; the library is at 1 South Common St., Topsfield, library hours are Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 10 a.m.–8 p.m., Wednesday and Friday 10 a.m.–5 p.m., and Saturday noon to 4 p.m.; gallery hours, Tuesday through Friday 10 a.m.–5 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.–1:30 p.m., 49 Main St., Topsfield; 978-887-3844.

Sense of Wonder Gallery, 622 Main St., Reading; 781-944-8986 or www.senseofwondergifts.com.

Nevins Memorial Hall, 305 Broadway, Methuen; 978-686-4080.

J. David Broudo Gallery of Art 4:30–6 p.m., Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.–5 p.m., Endicott College, 376 Hale St. (Route 127) Beverly; 978-232-2250.

Halle Library Archive and Museum Gallery, "Beyond the Classroom: Clubs, Organizations and Traditions" will be on display through Dec. 22 at Endicott College, 376 Hale St., Beverly; exhibit is free and open to the public. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Barbara Broudo 978-232-2257.

Laura Coombs Hills Gallery, regular gallery hours Monday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday, noon-5 p.m., 65 Water St., Newburyport; 978-670-9102, www.newburyportart.org.

Mingo Gallery, Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 252 Cabot St., Beverly; 978-927-5964.

Gelb Gallery at Phillips Academy, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.–5 p.m., Saturday, Sunday, noon-4 p.m., 978-475-4419.

Bravos Arts Gallery, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, 10 a.m.–4 p.m., One East Main St., Georgetown; 978-352-8102.

Ayer Lofts Art Gallery, a cooperative artist space in Lowell. Thursdays, 6–9 p.m., Friday, Saturday, Sunday, noon-4 p.m., 172 Middle St., Lowell; Mandy Shear 617-335-0230 or ayerlofts.com/exhibits.

River Gallery, Thursday through Sunday, 11 a.m.–5 p.m., 4 Market St., Ipswich; 978-356-1559.

Revolving Museum, artist-driven museum, dedicated to presenting public art exhibitions, educational programs; gallery hours Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.–4 p.m., Sunday, noon-4 p.m., 22 Shattuck St., Lowell; 978-935-[illegible]

Ocmulgee Pottery & Fine Crafts, gallery hours Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m.–5 p.m., Saturdays 10 a.m.–4 p.m., 25 Market St., Ipswich; 978-356-1298.

Redbrick Fine Crafts, gallery hours Monday through Saturday 10 a.m.-

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Photos on display at the library

Dianne DeLucia, whose "little brown cat" studio is located at 86 Tewksbury St., reports that her photos are on display at Memorial Hall Library through Jan. 2 as part of the Artist of the Month series.

There are a variety of ocean and wooded nature scenes, some fun animal photos and photos of Andover that might make nice "last-minute" holiday gifts, she said.

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WHAT'S UP

Celebrate wintertime

By Tony Lombardi
Program coordinator
Andover Youth Services

WELL, HERE IT IS, the Youth Services favorite time of year... Winter! The temperature has started to fall and so has the snow. You may ask yourself why this is the Youth Services' favorite time of year. The answer is simple.

Winter is cold, but it is also snowing and that means snowball fights, sledding and snowboard trips. Of course, it is understood that the weather can get downright nasty, so another great thing about the winter is being able to stay inside cooking, making art, writing, playing games and pampering yourself.

This winter, Andover Youth Services would like you to join them as they offer just about every way to enjoy the best season of all. Here are some of the ways you can get involved.

Fifth Annual Piebald Holiday Show is Friday, Dec. 23rd

Come inside the Old Town Hall to warm your bones and enjoy some music by Andover favorites Piebald and Grimis. Doors open at 7:30 and tickets cost $10.

The ZONE at West Middle – Session 3

Beginning Jan. 9 and running through Feb. 17, Youth Services will offer a plethora of after-school activities for the students at West Middle School.

The following is a brief schedule of Zone programs.

MONDAYS – Return of the Fun: Join Suzie and Tony every Monday for some crazy games in the gym. Be prepared for anything, because we have a bag of tricks that's full of surprises! No need to sign up for this one, just stop by any or every Monday.

TUESDAYS – Word. Online: The continuation of Youth Services first online magazine. Come by and help us maintain our site and add to the already great ideas that have come from our first sessions. New participants are welcome.

The Game Spot: Join us in the Zone for a series of PS2 tournaments. Bring out your best skills and see if you can be the champ of games like Madden '06, MLB '06, Need for Speed, Most Wanted, and more.

WEDNESDAYS –Cooking with Tony: Join us for a second helping of cooking! This time around we will explore the wonderful world of *breakfast!* For six weeks we will learn how to make (and eat) omelets, pancakes, French toast, bacon and lots of other fun stuff!

Silk Screening: Learn the ancient art of silk screening. Together, we will learn the entire process starting by drafting a design, preparing the screens, and finally printing your design onto T-shirts, sweatshirts, or whatever material you desire.

THURSDAYS – Girl Power: Eighth-Grade Expeditions: Come explore your adventurous side. For five weeks, we will work together and experience something new and refreshing. We will rock-climb, snowshoe, pamper ourselves and more.

Art Club: Join Tony and Julie as we explore some new and exciting ways of spreading the word through art. Whether it's stenciling or graffiti, you are sure to learn something about speaking your mind!

For more information about these programs, please pick up a booklet and registration form at West Middle School.

Andover Youth Services Middle School Volleyball League

Join volleyball guru Glenn Wilson and members of the AHS boys and girls volleyball teams for seven weeks of this high-flying, fast-paced sport. Practices will be held once a week at each middle school and will culminate with the 5th Annual Middle School Volleyball Tournament. Doherty will practice on Mondays, West Middle on Wednesdays, and Wood Hill on Thursdays. All practices will be held from 2:15 to 3:30 p.m., Jan. 17 through March 9. Registration forms are available at the Youth Services office, as well as each of the middle schools.

February Vacation '06

Youth Services February vacation trips are open to all Andover middle-school students. If you would like to sign up, please do so soon; space is limited. All vacation trips will leave and return from the side parking lot of Doherty Middle School. Here is a list of trips being offered.

Wednesday, Feb. 22 – Reel Winter Fun – This wonderful winter day will start with a trek up Boston Hill. After enjoying some great views, sledding, occasional snowball fights and hot cocoa, we will head out to warm ourselves with lunch and a movie. Could winter be any more fun? This trip will run from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and will cost $25.

Thursday, Feb. 23 – Ticket to Ride – Gear up for some sick shredding at New England's best-kept secret... Pat's Peak! Get out your skis or your board and hop in the van for an epic day of skiing and riding with the AYS staff. This trip will run from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and will cost $30. Add $16 for rentals.

Friday, Feb. 24 – Rock'n Good Time – Join the AYS staff for a morning of video games at Good Time Emporium in Somerville. After we eat some pizza, we will finish off our day with indoor climbing at Metro Rock in Boston. This trip will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and will cost $40.

Andover Youth Lacrosse – Spring

The Youth Services would like to send out a friendly reminder that all Andover Youth Lacrosse registration forms for the 2006 Spring season must be received by Youth Services no later than Jan. 13. AYL is open to all boys and girls in the third through eighth grades. Registration forms are available in the middle schools and the Youth Services office. No forms will be accepted after Jan. 13. More information about AYL is available at www.andoveryouthservices.com.

▶ *WHAT'S UP is written by kids for kids. The feature also highlights activities available for younger Andover residents. E-mail submissions to: jack@andovertownsman.com.*

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Newburyport Art Association, free and open to the public; regular gallery hours are 11 a.m.–5 p.m. Monday-Friday, noon–5 p.m. Sunday, 65 Water St., Newburyport; 978-465-8769.

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New England Quilt Museum, Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday, noon-4 p.m., 18 Shattuck St., Lowell; [illegible]

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BRIEFS

Andover law school professor named US magistrate judge

Judge Timothy S. Hillman has been selected to serve as a United States magistrate judge stationed in Worcester. Judge Hillman succeeds Chief Magistrate Judge Charles B. Swartwood III, who will retire in January after 12 years of service.

Hillman has been on the faculty of the Massachusetts School of Law (MSL) at Andover since 1999. He teaches a seminar-style course on law and psychiatry. The class examines the fundamental goals of both the legal and psychiatric systems, their interaction, and the social implications of that interaction, according to the school. Hillman evaluates the role of the lawyer in the mental health system and the philosophical conflicts that often arise between the medical and legal professions in both theory and in practice.

"Judge Hillman brings to his new position the same keen intellect, extensive knowledge of the law, and warmth that he has shared with his students for many years at our school," said Massachusetts School of Law Associate Dean Michael L. Coyne. "We are pleased that Judge Hillman's wisdom and many accomplishments were recognized by the chief judge and know that he will serve the United States District Court extraordinarily well."

Hillman has been an associate justice of the Massachusetts Superior Court since 1998. Prior to that, he served as the presiding justice of the Worcester District Court, having previously been presiding justice of the Gardner District Court/Winchendon District Court. His legal experience before his appointment to the bench in 1991 included private practice, in which he acted as town counsel and city solicitor for several municipalities in Worcester County, as well as service in the Worcester County District Attorney's Office.

Savarino promoted

Boston Partners Financial Group LLC of Andover has promoted Andover resident James R. Savarino, LUTCF to vice president. Savarino's business is primarily focused on the various financial products and services that the firm offers for wealth management and business planning.

Boston Partners Financial Group is a financial services firm with headquarters in Andover and is affiliated with Signator Investors Inc.

Buchholz named VP

Daniel S. Buchholz, AHS '94, recently accepted a position as a vice president within the US Fixed Income Department at Fortis Investments in Boston. Buchholz's responsibilities will include building up Fortis Investment's research capabilities as the European company expands into the US fixed income market. Buchholz, the son of long-time Andover resident, Marianne Buchholz (deceased), and Alan Buchholz of Naples, Fla., currently resides in Boston. He is a 1998 graduate of Trinity College in Hartford Conn., where he majored in mathematics. He recently attended the University of Chicago Graduate School of Business, where he attained his MBA, graduating in 2004 with concentrations in finance, economics, private equity/entrepreneurship and accounting.

SAFETY FIRST

Andover Postmaster Nicolas R. Francescucci (left) was congratulated by Massachusetts Postal District Manager John W. "Mike" Powers III for the exceptional performance of his office in the OSHA illness-injury safety rate in Fiscal Year 2005 when more than 300 senior postal leaders from the Massachusetts District met in the Worcester DCU Center for their annual meeting this November.

Child center needs sewer agreement

Expansion to solve problems for Professional Center for Child Development

By Greta Cuyler

The future of the Professional Center for Child Development rests with the Tewksbury Board of Selectmen.

The facility, which serves special needs children, was cited in late spring 2004 by the state Department of Education for several deficiencies, including inadequate classrooms, said Veryl Anderson, the center's executive director.

Praised by the Andover public schools for its professionals' knowledge and work with youth, the center has until June 30 to correct the problems. If it does not, it could lose some state funding or even face closure.

The state's reprimand prompted the center to embark on an expansion plan to more than double the size of its 6,700 square foot footprint at 32 Osgood St. That process has been moving along, and the school broke ground on its expansion project Dec. 14. The groundbreaking was a special event for Andover, as residents and town workers alike attended.

But construction could be halted unless the center gets permission to tie-in to a neighboring business's sewer line. Vicor Corp. has offered to give the center 2,000 of its sewer capacity per day, allowing the center to close its outdated septic system and tie into Tewksbury's sewer system.

Various town permits for construction are dependent on that sewer tie-in.

Even though Vicor and the Professional Center have a written agreement for sewer, the center must officially enter an intermunicipal agreement involving Andover, Tewksbury and Vicor.

The school's attorney, Andrew Caffrey, told the Andover Planning Board on Oct. 11 that he would work with Town Counsel Tom Urbelis to amend the agreement. He estimated the process would take a maximum of six weeks.

But that was nearly 12 weeks ago and no agreement has been reached yet.

Andover's Board of Selectmen approved the revised agreement at its meeting on Dec. 19. Vicor has also approved the changes.

The issue has not been put on the Jan. 3 Tewksbury's selectmen's meeting as of *Townsman* deadline, said Sandy Barbeau, the assistant to Tewksbury's town manager.

"I am reasonably confident that (Tewksbury) will approve it. It's a great project that will not negatively impact the town in any way," said Caffrey.

If the school does not take corrective action by next June, it could lose its full license to operate a private special education school. It would then have provisional approval and be subject to a corrective action plan by the state.

The school could also potentially lose some state funding.

"(The state) wants to make sure they get everything done so children have the appropriate settings," said Anderson. "And so do we."

She said Andover's modification to the agreement was an important step in the process. She did acknowledge that the state could potentially shut the school down if the June 2006 deadline is not met.

Anderson is hopeful that the state would grant leniency if there is a delay due to legal issues.

"The only delays have been beyond our control at this point," she said. "We're still within our plan if all goes well."

In addition to inadequate classroom space, the state also cited the school for its insufficient equipment, technology and student-to-teacher ratios. Since the report, the school has turned two part-time positions into full-time, adding additional nursing staff and a full-time education director. Fund-raising efforts are underway for new equipment and technology.

The school project includes construction of a new 8,000-square-foot, two-story building. It will primarily house new classroom space, but will also include office space and a reception area.

COURTESY PHOTOS

The Professional Center for Child Development broke ground on a needed expansion project last Wednesday, Dec. 14. Among those attending were (from left) Wil Carpenter, Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce; Greg Spurr, TD Banknorth;Kathy Arlin, teacher with Abigail Simpson, student; Allan MacLean, Lawrence Savings Bank; Seamus Slattery, dtudent; Steve Caron, PCCD board member; Catherine Cooper, student; Veryl Anderson, PCCD executive director; Lacy Suter, student; Clare Sack, volunteer; Thomas Roads, student and Bay Tanklefsky, teacher.

Also attending (from left) were Buzz Stapczynski, Andover town mange; Andrew Lucibello, student; Preston Hall, PCCD board president; Pat Finn, Landry Architects; Griffin Hout, student; Caitlin Burke, teacher; Susan Tucker, state senator; Quinn Reisenberg, student; Veryl Anderson, PCCD director, and Nicholas Barbaro, student.

Andover group helps automate Boston Convention Center

The Boston Convention and Exhibition Center features a $2.1 million building automation system installed by the Systems Integration-East division of TAC. Based in Andover, the SI-East group installed Andover Continuum controls, a product line from the former Andover Controls, which merged with TAC last year after being purchased by Schneider Electric.

TAC, a building automation, security systems and energy solutions company, has installed the $2.1 million building automation system in the recently completed Boston Convention and Exhibition Center. Containing 1.7 million square feet, the new convention center is the largest meeting facility in New England and has the capacity and services to host tens of thousands of people under one roof.

The MCCA asked TAC to deliver an integrated automated solution that would allow multiple third-party systems to work together and be controlled through a single front-end system. With air circulation a critical factor in a facility this size, the Continuum system controls 29 air handling units and automatically sends alarms to alert convention center staff in the event of a problem. A graphical user interface makes it easy for staff to quickly monitor multiple zones within the convention center.

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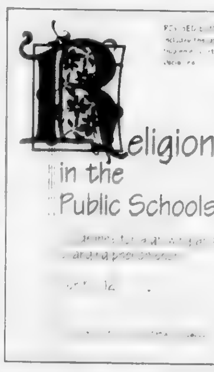
Education

Andover schools, religion and the holidays

No set policy on keeping celebrations both festive and inclusive

By Neil Fater

SOME ANDOVER TEACHERS HAVE Christmas and Hanukkah decorations. Some do not. In the Andover public schools, there's no hard-and-fast policy about how to celebrate these events.



There is, however, a guideline – a 37-page published guideline created by the Anti-Defamation League and distributed to each principal.

The document is called "Religion in the Public Schools: Guidelines for a growing and changing phenomenon for K-12."

"All principals have them so we could have some consistency of practice," says Andover Superintendent Claudia Bach. "The law is not clear and so that's why we like this. It will say, 'Here's what you can do...'"

Still, each school acknowledges the holidays in somewhat different ways, and Bach recognizes that "what you see is schools either try to be very ecumenical and inclusive or try not to do anything."

Many parents have noticed the changes over the years. There's a variety of opinion on how schools should handle the seasonal celebrations among students, teachers and parents.

"There really isn't a Christmas celebration, it's just 'holiday.' I think Christmas is a national holiday and it should be celebrated, along with other groups' religious holidays. I don't think we should knock out Christmas and make it a generic winter holiday," said Bernadette Lyons, of High Vale Lane, who has a child at South Elementary and Doherty Middle. "I think it's wonderful when my kids learn what Hanukkah is. I want my kids to know that and I would think that other religions would want to know (about Christmas) so there's an understanding and respect for one another."

John Chartier, Andover High student and a writer for the *Townsman*, praises the way Andover High School handles this time of year, accepting that "as a society, we've become more politically correct.

"They do a great job of being totally inclusive. I can't think of a time anyone's been excluded from anything," said Chartier. "It's great. They have holiday concerts and everything like that, that just make it fun."

While the concerts might involve instrumentals from the *Nutcracker*, which is tied to Christmas, most of the offerings and decorations in the schools steer clear of ties to religious holidays, he said. Instead, student groups raise funds for the less fortunate "trying to unite the school in the spirit of the holidays."

"There's no celebrating holidays in particular," said Chartier. "It's not disappointing or particularly exciting either. It's just the way the school goes about it."

Chartier remembers making Halloween and Thanksgiving decorations, but not decorations for the winter holidays when he was a student at Sanborn Elementary School. He was taught about Kwanzaa and Hanukkah "to learn about other cultures," he said.

But the approach can vary from school to school.

"I don't know that every school, as you enter, has a recognition that it's a holiday season, but some of them do," said Bach. "It isn't a black-and-white issue about what schools can and cannot do as far as decorations."

"I know for years it's been the trend (to avoid certain things), just to make sure that no child is made to feel uncomfortable," said Art Barber, School Committee member. "There are few if any references to any of the religious aspects. Fifty years ago you might have had two religious groups in a school. Now you have so many.

"This is a melting pot. How do you do it (acknowledge all holidays) in the right way?"

Bill Pennington, president of the Townwide Parent Teacher Organization, believes one way to help answer that question is to create a policy that everyone can see and follow.

"There just needs to be a policy so people realize what they can and [illegible]," he said. "I think it just puts [illegible] position. You see a [illegible]"

But steering away from religious representations in the schools seems [illegible] to other residents.

Rabbi Robert Goldstein of Temple Emanuel said he enjoys seeing [illegible] in front of houses of worship [illegible] religious items do not belong in [illegible] schools. While people shouldn't be [illegible] from expressing their faith, he said [illegible] not

> **"The overriding role should be common sense and sensitivity, and that's getting lost in the debate."**
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> RABBI ROBERT GOLDSTEIN OF TEMPLE EMANUEL

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When the winter holidays approach, many schools avoid religious themes, but do encourage giving to others in the spirit of the season. South Elementary School community members gathered and wrapped gifts to give to the Andover Housing Authority. Christine Metzemaekers (back right), AHA executive director, picked up the gifts at the school from students involved in the project. Also pictured are Principal Eileen Woods (second from back right), and Mary Ellen Johnson (back left), co-chairwoman of community services at South School. Not pictured is the other co-chairwoman, Cathy Torres.

Once upon a time – Christmas in Andover

Christmas used to be celebrated more openly in the Andover schools, as the following description by Bill Dalton, class of '61, reveals:

WHEN I WAS IN THE FOURTH GRADE, we celebrated the first Christmas in the new Central Elementary School (now named Doherty). The old elementary school had been housed in the John Dove, Jackson, and Stowe buildings that were each a stone's throw from the new school.

The old buildings were musty, 19th century structures made of brick and dark wood. The new school was fresh and clean with much glass and a nice smell like a newly polished floor.

In the early part of December, the windowed wall adjacent to the stairway on the Bartlet Street side of the building began to be decorated. This work was done by Miss Noon's third-grade class. I don't know how they got that assignment, but I was envious because they were having more fun than the rest of us. Besides, Miss Noon was an appealing young woman who apparently liked children. Many of us envied her students.

A Nativity was beneath the windows, but it was the colorful, handmade "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year" surrounded by big, delicate, ethereal snowflakes on the glass that caught my eye.

There was a Christmas pageant. It was good because the rehearsals broke up the mind-numbing dullness of school, even if only for a few hours. In a way, the pageant was like having a substitute teacher: neither experience was terrific but each managed to relieve the boredom.

Like most of the pageant participants, I was in the choir. We had little songbooks so we could sing every verse of the holiday songs and hymns. I liked the familiar first verses, but the hymns got a bit tiring as they ran on and on.

Miss McCardle, the music teacher, was an older woman with formal manners. She was respected by the students. Of course, that didn't stop those of us in the back of the choir from entertaining ourselves by whispering stupid comments and changing key words in a hymn. We miscreants were always boys; girls were too well-behaved.

It was very rare that Miss McCardle got visibly upset, because a brief look from her was enough to stop any shenanigans. The pageant itself was OK and was presented to the school during an assembly. I think there were some parents who sat in the back.

The main thing about the pageant was that it marked the beginning of Christmas vacation. The final pageant hymn was *Silent Night*. There was some irony in that since, within an hour, many of us were involved in a daylight snowball fight.

Opinion piece

Christmas isn't politically correct?

There's just something inherently wrong with 'generic holidays'

By Courtney Fiske
WHAT'S UP contributor

IN TODAY'S AMERICA, science is king. New technologies are constantly expanding our access to information, lightening our chores and improving our standard of living.

Yet, as this scientific revolution reaches an increasingly absolute fruition, religion is relegated to the back burner. References to the Creator are steadily becoming anachronisms, mythical allusions to a medieval age of dungeons and chivalry.

Now, political controversies erupt over even the slightest interminglings of theism and society, such as the display of the Ten Commandments in a public area.

These conflicts become hyper-evident during the holiday, or (dare I say) Christmas, season. Drowning under a wave of political correctness, we greet our neighbors with "Happy Holidays" and "Seasons Greetings," and censor direct allusions to theism as if they were swears.

Our society has become so afraid of offending or estranging one of its members that mainstream celebrations have lost their true names, and with that, part of their true spirit. The solution to the conundrum of equally representing everyone's religion, in some areas, has been to eradicate all mention (or musical reference) to a holiday celebrated by 96 percent of Americans.

Christmas has become *Christ-free*.

This movement rages strongest in our public and private educational institutions. These days, it seems that Scrooge, the physical antithesis of everything Christmas, would make the perfect school bureaucrat. The New York City school system allows menorahs and Islamic symbols in holiday displays, but scorns nativity scenes like the plague. The South Orange (N.J.) School District has banned playing even the instrumental music of Christmas carols. Schools in Plano, Texas prohibited all red-and-green decorations.

At Phillips Academy, what used to be called Christmas break is now universally referred to as Winter break, as if students depart from academia during December to worship the snow. Even here, where the chapel is our most imposing building, where students can take classes on the Bible and attend Catholic worship, and where a reverend doubles as an English teacher, utterances of "Merry Christmas" and "Happy Hanukkah" are blanketed by generic wishes for a relaxing vacation.

But our founding fathers granted us freedom of religion, not freedom from religion.

The laudable principles of selflessness and familial love professed by Christmas should be celebrated by all, not tarnished by the miniscule minority who somehow finds these values offensive.

The Andover writer is a junior at Phillips Academy.

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BOOK REVIEW

Hershel and the Hanukkah Goblins

BY ERIC KIMMEL

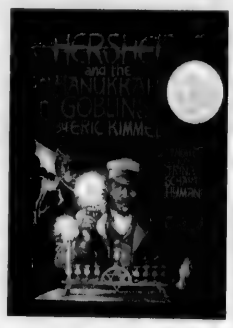
Reviewed by John Chartier and James Caron

In the second of John and James' four holiday reviews, they look at a Hanukkah story that sends a message as it teaches readers about aspects of the holiday.

THERE ARE COUNTLESS BOOKS that encompass the holidays, but one of the most classic and recognizable ones is Hershel and the Hanukkah Goblins by Eric Kimmel. It sends a great message that easily conveys the true meaning of Hanukkah, and sheds light on this ancient holiday.

When Hershel of Ostropol arrives in a small village, he is horrified to find that there are no Hanukkah lights or menorahs burning in any of the windows. When he asks why the village is nestled in darkness, he is told that goblins live in the synagogue, and they despise Hanukkah!

In order to break the curse and allow the villagers to celebrate the holiday of lights, Hershel must spend eight nights in the synagogue. On the final night, the King of the goblins himself must light the menorah's candles. Only after this can the villagers celebrate.



During the eight frightening nights, Hershel is visited by many horrifying goblins, all of whom he tricks into letting him light the candle for that night. But on the final night, he will have to reckon with the Goblin King himself, a fearsome being who isn't easily fooled.

Hershel and the Hanukkah Goblins by Eric Kimmel is a heartwarming story about the true meaning of Hanukkah and why the holiday is so important to so many people. It shares a story of standing up against oppression and allowing faith to conquer the darkness of evil.

Eric Kimmel is a powerful writer who spins tales that delight both children and adults alike, allowing the reader to pull his or her own level of depth from the seemingly simplistic story.

We recommend this book for anyone who wants to learn more about the holiday of Hanukkah.

Even if the reader is not Jewish, he or she will be able to understand more deeply what the holiday is all about. This is a great book to read aloud with the whole family, because it sheds light on a culture that everyone should get to know.

We cannot give *Hershel and the Hanukkah Goblins* by Eric Kimmel a rating, because it would not be fair to the book. It is a great tale that brings with it a message of hope and the power that faith has over evil.

It is a powerful, and sometimes even humorous, story that is perfect for this time of year.

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believe the schools themselves can accurately and thoroughly cover each faith's holidays and traditions.

"A lot of time people think you are trying to take something away," he said. "No. It's just a question of venue.

"There isn't room or time for all of these rituals to be publicly represented. But the overriding role should be common sense and sensitivity, and that's getting lost in the debate," he said. "Judgement should be used. This total banning of secular representations is carrying it too far the other way.

"I have no problem with someone wearing a sweater with a dreidel on it," said Goldstein. "I can't tell you how much it *doesn't* bother me if someone wishes me a Merry Christmas. Who cares if someone wishes you a Merry Christmas?"

But the movement to avoid offending people has clearly created a different culture as the winter holidays approach – including in the schools.

"I do think people are very nervous to celebrate what their holidays might be, and I think that's a sad thing when people are afraid to celebrate," said Bill Fahey, Andover Youth Services director.

Fahey says at least a quarter of the youth who work at the Christmas tree lot that raises money for youth programs do not celebrate Christmas themselves. However, they recognize the importance of the tradition for others.

"Kids don't get hung up on that stuff at all," he said. "It's coming more from an older, more bureaucratic light than from the young people themselves."

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Students in Beth Miner's second-grade class at West Elementary School made "treasure boxes" for clients of St. Ann's home. Each student was assigned a recipient of the same age. Students then filled shoeboxes with age-appropriate gifts and decorated the boxes for each child.

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The angel said, "Don't be afraid." The messenger delivered the good news that the savior of the world had just been born. The shepherds were told to look for a baby wrapped in a blanket and lying in a manger. The shepherds ran into Bethlehem and found Mary, Joseph and the baby Jesus in the humble stable.

Three wise men followed a star to find the baby. They delivered precious gifts.

The Bible reports that Jesus grew up to become a religious teacher. He brought a message about how to have a true relationship with God. He was killed by the Romans. Christians believe that Jesus rose from the dead, defeating death for all who believed in Him and providing the way for eternal life in heaven.

christmas

Christmas has many traditional symbols:

The **creche** or **manger** is a container designed to hold hay for farm animals. It represents the humble birth of the savior of the world.

Stars represent the star that guided the wise men to the stable in Bethlehem.

Candles are used to light the way for the Christ child. They also represent Jesus, the light, coming into a world of darkness.

The **poinsettia** is a red flower used for Christmas decorating. Legend says that a young Mexican boy was too poor to buy a gift for Jesus. He knelt to pray and a flower appeared at his feet. He gave this beautiful flower to the baby.

The **Christmas tree** is a German tradition. The evergreen tree represents everlasting life. Today, Christmas trees are decorated with lights and elaborate ornaments.

Santa Claus delivers **gifts** to children around the world. Children hang a **stocking**.

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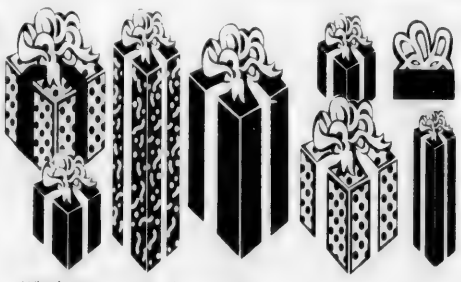

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FOUND CAT domestic, short hair grey & white female, Gloucester Ave./Washington St., Gloucester 978-283-6055

FOUND cat, grey/white female Wed. 11/23 Riverside Ave., Gloucester 978-281-5689

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FOUND,
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LOST 11/23 Fremont, NH Riverside Dr area elderly male dog "Bubba" tan/white terrier collar no tags very timid has respiratory problem.... 978-360-5365

LOST: Black male cat, unaltered, 6 months old, Bradford/Groveland area on 12/11. Call 978-374-4113.

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LOST CAT, black, male, Nov. 28, Sandown, NH vicinity of Pine Ridge Cr. Please call 603-974-0926.

LOST CAT: grey/ black tiger cat, since Tues. 12/6, Linwood &Enmore Sts./133, Andover, MA. Call 978-475-0410.

LOST CAT large black male, behind Bagel Jim, Gloucester, MA area. Feline rescue of Cape Ann 978-282-1837

LOST CAT: small white/tan /black calico female, since Dec. 11, Amesbury Rd. near Whittier Tech, Haverhill, MA (Rt. 110). 978-521-9336

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Premises affected are located at 199 N. Main St., Andover, MA in an MU District and is shown on Town Assessor Map 37 as Lot 11A.

DANIEL S. CASPER,
CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF APPEALS
AT – 12/22, 29/2005

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A public hearing will be held at THE HALL, 2nd FLOOR, MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY, ELM SQ., ANDOVER, MA on THURSDAY, January 5, 2006 at 7:00 P.M. on the petition of Jill & Rob Mainiero, 11 Cedar Rd., Andover, MA for a variance from the requirements of Article VIII, § 4.1.2 &/or for a special permit under Article VIII, § 3.3.5 to construct additions & alterations that will not meet dimensional requirements.

Premises affected are located at 11 Cedar Rd., Andover, MA in an SRA District and is shown on Town Assessor Map 20 as Lot 152.

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DANIEL S. CASPER,
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AT – 12/22, 29/2005

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF ANDOVER OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF HEARING

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Premises affected are located at 14 Canterbury St., Andover, MA, in an SRA District and is shown on Town Assessor Map 69 as Lot 7.

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Premises affected are located at 8 Fosters Pond Rd., Andover, MA in an SRC District and is shown on Town Assessor Map 122 as Lot 5.

DANIEL S. CASPER,
CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF APPEALS
AT – 12/22, 29/2005

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Premises affected are located at 11 Lincoln Circle, Andover, MA, in an SRB District and is shown on Town Assessor Map 71 as Lot 102.

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ESSEX Division
Docket No. 05P2924EP1
In the Estate of
MARGARET N RUSSELL
Late of
ANDOVER
In the County of
ESSEX
Date of Death
November 28, 2005

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that PHYLLIS RUSSELL of ANDOVER in the County of ESSEX be appointed executrix, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT SALEM ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **JANUARY 23, 2006**

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. JOHN C. STEVENS, III, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at SALEM this day, December 15, 2005.

Pamela Casey O'Brien,
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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT DEPARTMENT
ESSEX Division
Docket No. 05P2856EP1
In the Estate of
LAWRENCE A. DELEO
Late of ANDOVER
In the County of
ESSEX
Date of Death
October 25, 2005

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that SUSAN M. DELEO of ANDOVER in the County of ESSEX be appointed executrix, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT SALEM ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **JANUARY 17, 2006**

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. JOHN C. STEVENS, III, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at SALEM this day, December 8, 2005.

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By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Rose Morris to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, dated May 21, 2001 and recorded with the Essex County (Northern District) District of the Land Court filed as document No 75214 as noted on Certificate of Title No. 13342 of which mortgage EMC Mortgage Corporation is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 11:00 A.M. on January 4, 2006, on the mortgaged premises located at 25 Mohawk Road, Andover, MA 01810, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

TO WIT:

A certain tract or parcel of land situated in Andover, County of Essex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows: Northerly by the southerly line of Mohawk Road eighty (80) feet; Northeasterly by Lot One Hundred Twenty Six (126) as shown on Plan hereinafter mentioned three hundred ninety six and 2/100 (396.02) feet; Southerly by Lot One Hundred Fifteen (115) and said Plan two hundred twenty five (225) feet, and Westerly by Lot One Hundred Twenty Four (124) on said Plan three hundred eighty three and 97/100 (383.97) feet. All of said boundaries are determined by the court to be located as shown on Plan No 1711Y, Sheet 3, drawn by Raymond C. Pressey, Inc. Surveyors, dated July 19, 1968, as modified and approved by the court, filed in the Land Registration Office, a copy of a portion of which is filed with Certificate of Title No. 6721, Book 45, Page 285, and being designated as Lot One Hundred Twenty Five (125) thereon. There is appurtenant to the above described land the right to use the streets and ways shown on said Plan for all purposes for which streets and ways are commonly used in the Town of Andover. For mortgagor's(s') title see Certificate of Title No. 13342, Document No. 71759 recorded with Essex County (Northern District) District of the Land Court.

These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, right of ways, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed. TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of **TEN THOUSAND ($10,000.00)** DOLLARS by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at **ABLITT & CHARLTON, P.C.**, 92 Montvale Avenue, Suite 2950, Stoneham, MA 02180, other terms and conditions will be provided at the place of sale. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication. OTHER ITEMS, IF ANY, TO BE ANNOUNCED AT THE SALE.

Present holder of said mortgage
By its Attorneys,
Robert F. Charlton, Jr, Esq.,
ABLITT & CHARLTON, P.C.,
92 Montvale Avenue, Suite 2950,
Stoneham, MA 02180
AT – 12-8, 15, 22-2005

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Samuel Darfoor and Jennifer Darfoor to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., dated February 28, 2001 and recorded with the Essex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds at Book 6030, Page 81, of which mortgage Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 10:00 a.m. on January 6, 2006, on the mortgaged premises located at 26 Enmore Street, Andover, Essex County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage.

TO WIT:

A certain tract of land, with the buildings thereon, situated in that part of Andover, Essex County, Massachusetts, known as Shawsheen Village, being shown as part of Lots 11 and 12 as shown on Plan entitled "Plan 'B' showing property owned by Textile Realty Company, Shawsheen Village, Andover, Mass, June 1932, John Franklin, CE" recorded with the North Essex Registry of Deeds, as Plan No. 877, and being more particularly bounded and described as follows:

NORTHEASTERLY by Enmore Street Seventy (70) feet;

SOUTHEASTERLY by part of Lot 12, as shown of said Plan, 120 feet, said line being 2.5 feet southeasterly from the southeasterly line of Lot 11, as shown on said Plan, and parallel therewith;

SOUTHWESTERLY by Lot D, as shown on said Plan, 70 feet;

NORTHWESTERLY by part of Lot 11, as shown on said Plan, 120 feet, said line being 2.5 feet southeasterly from the southeasterly line of Lot 10, as shown on said Plan, and parallel therewith

For mortgagors' title see deed recorded with Essex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 6030, Page 80.

These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of Five Thousand ($5,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California Street, Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC.
Present holder of said mortgage
By its Attorneys,
HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C.
Autumn S. Sarzana, Esquire
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AT – December 15, 22 & 29, 2005

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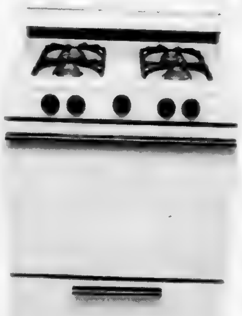

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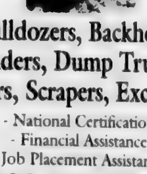

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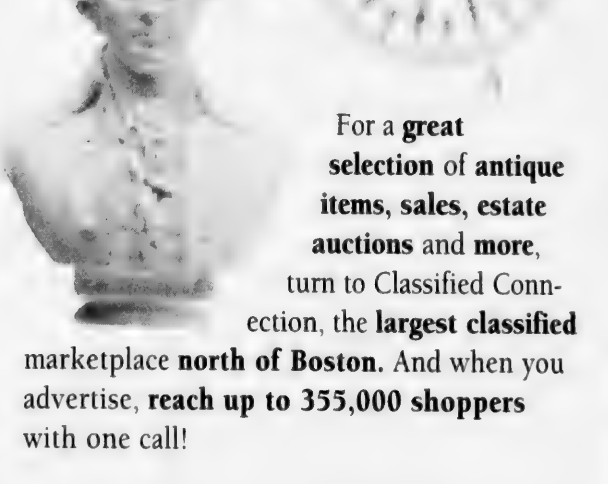

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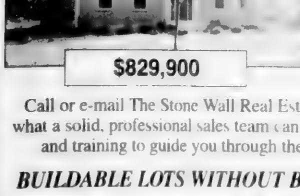

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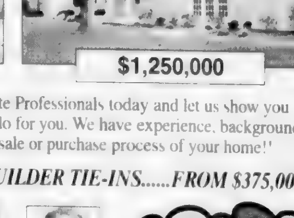

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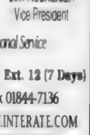

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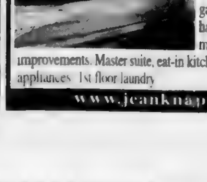

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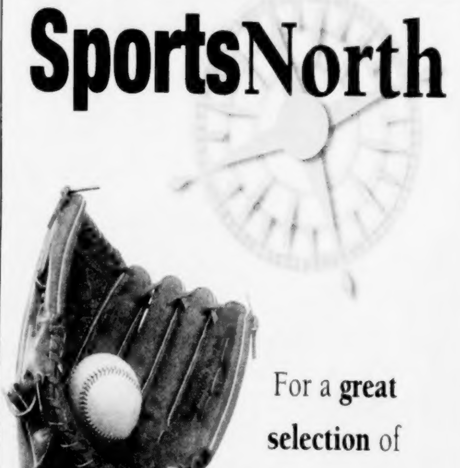

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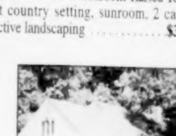
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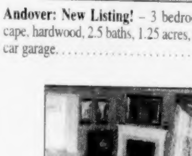
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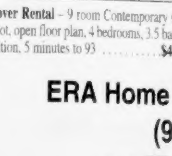
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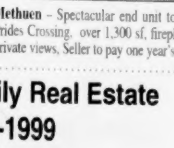
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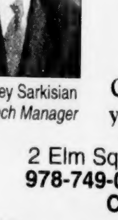
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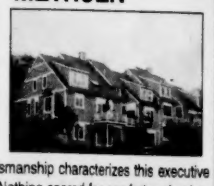

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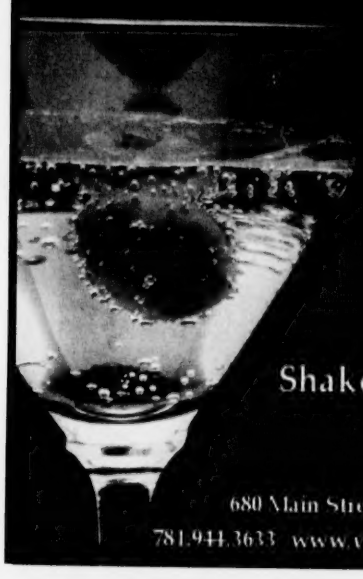

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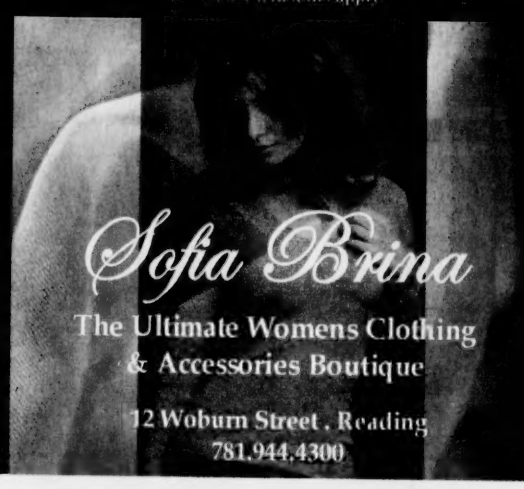

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